



SAN DIEGO ASSOCIATION OF PUBLIC SAFETY DISPATCHERS

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2019 Dispatcher Appreciation Awards Banquet Award Nominations

The San Diego Association of Public Safety Dispatchers (APSD) will be presenting awards on April 20th, 2019 at the 16th Annual Dispatcher Appreciation Awards Banquet in the categories listed below. The following outlines nomination requirements, eligibility, and selection criteria for each award.

Award Categories

DISPATCHER OF THE YEAR

This category will recognize an individual dispatcher who has contributed significantly to the profession of public safety dispatching throughout the prior calendar year. A candidate for Dispatcher of the Year is more than a single incident; he or she is a continual example of excellence.

Evidence of a significant contribution may be, but is not limited to, exemplary performance on a consistent basis, substantial efforts made to better the profession through training or innovation, or continual mentoring and teamwork that betters the organization.

The narrative will include:

- Dispatcher's date of hire, job classification, and basis for selection
- Citations/awards/commendations received as applicable to the nomination
- Work-related achievements, projects, or programs
- Positive comments made by superiors, co-workers, citizens, or media
- Participation in professional or community organizations

Each agency may submit ONE recipient for Dispatcher of the Year – no exceptions. Each nominee will be recognized with a certificate at the banquet and will be eligible to be named the SDAPSD Dispatcher of the Year. The recipient will receive a plaque.

COMMUNICATIONS CENTER OF THE YEAR

This category will recognize the center that has performed most admirably over the past calendar year.

Reasons for recognition can vary from overcoming substantial personnel issues, innovative approaches to dispatching, or a prolonged single event in which the center worked together to further public safety.

This award will consist of a plaque that can be displayed in the winning communications center.



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INCIDENT OF THE YEAR

This category will recognize a single dispatcher or a team of dispatchers who performed well during one significant event or incident. Only ONE nomination will be accepted for a single incident. If more than one is received, they will be returned to the agency to combine into one. Each dispatcher involved in the incident will receive a certificate and the agency will receive a plaque.

SUPERVISORY LEADERSHIP AWARD

This category will recognize an individual manager, supervisor, or lead dispatcher who has consistently exhibited traits and values that exemplify leadership within the communications center.

Examples of leadership traits and values can include, but is not limited to, integrity, fairness, visionary, innovative, dedication, serving as a role model, inspiring others, mentoring and coaching others, building and maintaining trust, or recognizing the good work of others.

To be eligible for this award, nominees must have been a manager, supervisor, lead dispatcher, or similar classification having the authority and responsibility for directing and supervising the actions of dispatch personnel and operations within the communications center during the prior calendar year. The recipient will receive a plaque.

Eligibility

Nominees must have been employed as a full-time dispatcher for a public safety agency in San Diego County at any time between January 1st, 2018 and December 31st, 2018.

Nomination Process

All nominations must be submitted on the forms provided. The forms must be legibly printed or typewritten. Nomination forms can be obtained from any APSD Officer or Director at Large.

Any person can submit a nomination for Incident of the Year, Communications Center of the Year, and Supervisory Leadership Award. More than one nomination in these categories can be submitted by any one individual. ***Each Police and Fire Agency in San Diego County can submit ONE nominee for Dispatcher of the Year.*** A dispatcher can be nominated for more than one category. A separate nomination form must be completed for each category the dispatcher is nominated for. For example: A dispatcher nominated for Dispatcher of the Year who was also involved in an incident nominated for Incident of the Year will have one nomination form for DOTY and a second separate nomination form for the incident.

Submission Guidelines

Limit your narrative to no more than 500 words. Any narratives over the limit will be edited by the Association to the first 500 words.



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Photo:

- For each nomination, please include a head-and-shoulders digital photograph for a single dispatcher nominee or as close as reasonable for a group of dispatcher nominees, wearing professional attire or uniform.
- Plain background – no trees, vehicles, etc.
- High-resolution color images ONLY

Deadline:

Nominations must be received by 5:00 PM on **Friday, March 15, 2019.**

Submit nominations via email to:

nominations@sdapsd.org