

E.T.P.O.A AWARDS

Each year E.T.P.O.A recognizes and honors nine individuals for an outstanding act or accomplishment in Law Enforcement or a related field. The time is now for you to begin making your nomination for someone you believe to have performed his/her duties in an exceptional manner. The following awards are presented to these persons and they are Honored Guests at the Awards Banquet.

Outstanding Peace Officer Award

- Must be an active law enforcement officer and employed at the time.
- May be connected with the District Attorney's Office, National Auto Theft Bureau, Railroad Operative, or any type of enforcement service that relates closely with active law enforcement.
- Must have performed an outstanding act of law enforcement (i.e. apprehending criminals that may have committed numerous burglaries or thefts, or be responsible for clearing any type of major crime.)
- Must be of good moral character.
- Information must specifically set forth the candidate's accomplishments.
- Must be submitted in writing giving all details-background information, length of time in law enforcement, family data, agency, and, if possible, have endorsement from agency head.

Rookie of the Year

This award is designed to recognize law enforcement officer's who are just beginning their careers in law enforcement and to show them they are an important part of the profession.

- Must be at least 21 years of age and of good moral character.
- Must be a full-time law enforcement officer
- Must be recommended by his or her employing agency head.
- Must have no more than two (2) years of service with department
- Must have done some outstanding performance in the line of duty (arrest or apprehension of criminals, working with juveniles, earned the respect and admiration of the youth of his or her community.

East Texas Peace Officer's Association Leadership Award

This is a long-standing award and through the years many worthy officers have been the recipients due to their faithful service to law enforcement.

- Must have been in active administrative law enforcement officer at least five (5) years (supervisory experience acceptable).
Must have contributed significantly in the upgrading of law enforcement in general through educational and training efforts during the five (5) years.
- Must have vigorously pursued the development of respect for law enforcement and its' officers as an administrator.
- Must possess leadership qualities in the field of law enforcement.

East Texas Award

This is an award dedicated to the East Texas Law Enforcement Officer.

- Must be a member of the East Texas Peace Officer's Association and dedicated to the Association's ideals.
- Must possess outstanding leadership in the field of law enforcement.
- Must be of good moral character and respected by fellow officers in law enforcement as well as the citizens being served.

The Humanitarian Award

This is an award given annually to a law enforcement officer who has given of himself, his time, or his efforts, and many times has saved the life of someone or prevented further injury to a victim.

- Must be an active law enforcement officer. Must have contributed in some way to the welfare of his fellow man (life saving, preventing harm from being inflicted, counseling or advising the youth of his community).
- Must be at least 21 years of age, of good moral character and have at least three (3) letters of endorsement other than the person submitting officer's name for consideration.

Murdock Memorial Award

This award honors the individual who is seldom recognized. He or she must be engaged in the field of Technical Law Enforcement-fingerprinting, photography, polygraph, ballistics, forensic pathology, or the many other fields that aid law enforcement investigators, including Dispatchers or Jailers.

This award recognizes the accomplishments of the late Johnny Murdock who for many years, was the Director of Technical Services for the Nacogdoches Police Department, and his daughter, the late Debra Murdock Kerss, who followed in her father's footsteps, serving as a dispatcher and TSD officer for the Nacogdoches Police Department. On many occasions they both came up with the right answers to assist an investigator.

- Must be actively engaged in Technical Law Enforcement such as Identification Officer, Polygraph Examiner, Ballistics, photography or any aspect pertaining to Technical Law Enforcement or Dispatch.
- Should have some noted accomplishment in his/her particular field.
- Must be a good moral character.

Award of Excellence

The recipient of this award does not necessarily have to be an active law enforcement officer but should be closely associated with law enforcement officers and their problems. It is suggested that non-law enforcement person not be considered if there should be any indication of personal gain or misuse.

- The recipient may or may not be a law enforcement officer.
- Must be of good moral character and closely related in some way to law enforcement.
- Should the recipient be a law enforcement officer, he should have some outstanding accomplishment in his field.
- Should the recipient not be a law enforcement officer, he should, in some way, have made a valuable contribution to the well-being of a law enforcement officer or law enforcement agency (examples: physician, attorney, philanthropist, or historian, etc.).
- A complete resume should be submitted outlining the candidate's accomplishments or deeds to mankind.

Outstanding Narcotics Officer of the Year

- The recipient must be an active law enforcement officer at the time.
- Must be actively assigned to the duties of drug enforcement.
- Must have performed an outstanding act of apprehension of narcotics or persons engaged in trafficking or narcotics.
- Must be of good moral character.

A Candidate's Background Information, Qualifications, and Endorsements should be submitted in writing NO Later than Monday, May 25, 2026

PLEASE MAIL THIS FORM AND ACCOMPANYING LETTER(S) TO

ETPOA @ PO BOX 631052 NACOGDOCHES, TEXAS 75965-1052 OR



ETPOA AWARDS NOMINATION FORM

NOTE: YOU MAY DUPLICATE THIS FORM TO NOMINATE MORE THAN ONE APPLICANT FOR AN AWARD

Name of Candidate: _____

Agency: _____

Award Being Nominated For: _____

Person Nominating This Applicant: _____

Phone #: _____ Email: _____