

## VALOR AWARD/OFFICER OF THE YEAR AWARD

1. Anyone may nominate any full-time or part-time police officer, which officer works for a police department having jurisdiction in Kendall County, for any action taken arising out of a situation which originated within Kendall County, between January 1, 2009 and December 31, 2009.
2. Nomination must be in writing, and must be received to the Nomination Committee by January 31, 2010.
3. The nomination must be on a form provided by the sponsoring organizations. Additional pages of narrative may be attached to the form.
4. Nominations may be for a Valor Award, Lifesaving Award, or Officer of the Year Award.
5. A person may nominate more than one officer, or may nominate one officer for more than one award, but must use a separate nomination form for each officer/award.
6. All nominations for Valor Award, Lifesaving Award, and Officer of the Year Award will be considered in accordance with the criteria listed on the reverse side of these rules.
7. The Nomination Committee will review all nominations submitted by the published deadline for submission of nomination forms.
8. The Nomination Committee may elect to award none, one, or more than one Valor Award and/or Lifesaving Award in any given year. The Nomination Committee will be the sole judges of whether a Valor Award or Lifesaving Award(s) shall be given in any year. Only one Officer of the Year Award shall be awarded each year.
9. In the discretion of the Nominating Committee, a police officer that has been appropriately nominated may receive more than one award in any given year.
10. The decisions of the Nomination Committee, and the determination to grant or not grant any award to any individual shall be final.

### AWARD CRITERIA:

**Valor Award:** The Valor Award is to be awarded for extraordinary heroism at imminent risk of serious bodily injury, with the recipient demonstrating courage by performing a voluntary course of action in an extremely dangerous situation.

**Lifesaving Award:** The Lifesaving Award shall be awarded to all police personnel directly responsible for the saving of human life. Documentation and supporting evidence must be included to substantiate the award, such as statements from witnesses, physicians, or supervisors. The award may also be made where evidence indicates the actions by the officer prolonged a human life to the extent of the victim being released to the care of medical authorities, even though the victim might expire at a later time.

**Officer of the Year:** Award nominations may be made for the exceptional achievement in a public endeavor including, but not limited to crime prevention, detective work, community relations, juvenile programs, traffic safety, and innovative approaches to public service. All nominees should have maintained the highest standard of performance, professionalism, and effectiveness during the previous calendar year.