

WISCONSIN AMERICAN LEGION EDWARD J. ORMSBY LAW AND ORDER AWARD

OFFICIAL GUIDELINES

Pursuant to action taken by the Wisconsin American Legion Department Executive Committee, there was established The Wisconsin American Legion Edward J. Ormsby Law and Order Award Program. Accordingly, a yearly award will be presented at succeeding conventions to the "Outstanding Police Officer Of Wisconsin".

To determine the winner as the outstanding POLICE OFFICER

1. Post within the Department of Wisconsin shall use the application on which the Post's certification for the award winner may be listed.
2. It will be the duty of each Post Commander to appoint a committee of up to five (5) Legion members of their Post, including the Public Safety Chairman, whose duty it will be to select an entry for his/her award. This selection may then be endorsed by the Post membership. The Post application shall then be forwarded to the County Chairman for further consideration in the County, and the County winner will be submitted to the District. Districts 4 & 5 - Posts will forward their application directly to the Districts. It is suggested all Counties have their applications submitted to the District by *April 1*.
3. Each County winner shall be determined and the application forwarded to their respective District by *APRIL 1* of each year. It is suggested that an appropriate program be held and a citation be awarded to the respective Post winners.
4. It shall be the duty of each District Commander to appoint a committee of up to five (5) Legion members of his District (one from a County whenever possible) and a District Public Safety Chairman whose duty it will be to screen all applications and determine the District winner, each contestant to be identified by number whenever feasible. The District winner may then be endorsed by the District membership. The winning application in each District shall then be forwarded to Department Headquarters for the attention of the Department Public Safety Chairman.
5. The District winner may be recognized on the District level, although the award will be presented to him/her at either the Spring Conference preceding the Department Convention or District Fall Conference following the Convention.
6. The selection of District winners shall be completed and certified to Department Headquarters by *MAY 1* of each year. The Department Committee will recognize only one (1) winner from each of the Legion Districts.
7. Upon certification of the District winners to the Public Safety Committee, said committee shall then determine the DEPARTMENT WINNER.
8. In making a recommendation, Posts should bear in mind that the Police Officer recommended need not have performed an outstanding feat during the year in order to be eligible. The award should go to that Officer who, for a number of years, has turned in an outstanding performance of his or her duties. This does not rule out the possibility that this same Officer might, during the course of the current Legion year, have performed some feat which adds to his or her already impressive record.

9. Each of the District winners will be given recognition in the form of an appropriate citation by the Department Public Safety Committee. These citations are to be awarded by the District Commander.

10. The declared winner of the EDWARD J. ORMSBY LAW AND ORDER AWARD will be invited to attend the Department Convention.

11. A candidate for this award must be a living male or female Police Officer attached to some Police Agency in the State of Wisconsin, living and working in the State of Wisconsin on the date of the application.

The judging and selection of the FINAL WINNER shall be made by the PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE at the Department Spring Meetings and the award shall be made at the annual Department Convention.

12. A candidate for this award need not be a Legionnaire or veteran to qualify.

13. Any member of the District Selection Committee finding his or her name in competition on a District level shall immediately notify his/her District Commander by letter so that a replacement may be made on the Department Selection Committee prior to judgment of the District application.

14. Any member of the Public Safety Committee for the Department finding his or her name in competition on the Department level, shall immediately notify the Department Commander by letter so that a replacement may be made on the Department Selection Committee prior to judgment of the District applications.

The committee will select the Outstanding Officer, who in the opinion of Legionnaires of Wisconsin, best exemplifies the traits and characteristics of a good Police Officer; one who goes about his/her daily duties in the protection of life and property of others. We must all know, in making our recommendations, that only one person will be the eventual winner and his or her selection will be made by the Department Public Safety Committee. Thus, applications should be as thorough as possible in the necessary information on their candidate before submitting it to the District.

**APPLICATION FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF WISCONSIN LAW AND ORDER AWARD
Edward J. Ormsby Award**

Our Candidate: _____

Address: _____

Recommended by Post No: _____ The American Legion, _____
(Location)

Age of Candidate: _____ How long engaged in police work? _____

Present Position: _____
(Patrolman, Chief of Police, Deputy Sheriff, etc.)

RECOMMENDATIONS: *(Use the reverse side or attach your typewritten recommendations to this application.)*

- (a) From applicant's superior, attach a resume of his/her police experience and include honors that have been bestowed upon the applicant.
- (b) Biographical sketch of applicant, including education, family, church affiliation (if any), fraternal or social organizations.
- (c) What in your opinion, makes this candidate an outstanding Police Officer? *(include accomplishments outside of work – community involvement must be specified for consideration.*

The above information should be "PERTINENT INFORMATION" to help the committee in making a final decision.

- Do not submit any scrapbooks as judging will be on the above three recommendations.
- Applicant must be employed and not retired.
- Include a small photo of person nominated.
- In the event this candidate should ultimately be declared the winner, will he/she be available for an appearance at our Department Convention? YES NO

CERTIFICATION OF POST

This recommendation is submitted by _____, Post No. _____

The American Legion, Department of Wisconsin, located in the _____ District.

Post Adjutant

Post Commander

Date

Post Public Safety Chairman

DISTRICT WINNER

The winner of the _____ District, Department of Wisconsin, is the person whose name appears on line one (1) of this Entry.

District Adjutant

District Commander

Date

District Public Safety Chairman

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**APPLICATION FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF WISCONSIN
LAW AND ORDER AWARD RECOMMENDATIONS**

1. List of previous police experience: _____

2. Give a brief biographical sketch of officer nominated, including education, family, church affiliation (if any), fraternal or social organization:

3. Just what, in your opinion, makes this candidate an outstanding police officer? _____

4. Has the officer ever been cited for outstanding police work before? If so, what honors have been bestowed upon him/her? _____

5. List any pertinent information which may help the committee in making a final decision, including outside activities of the Police Officer beyond his/her official duties: _____
