



National Volunteer Fire Council Award Recipients

Lifetime Achievement Award

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This award honors those individuals whose remarkable achievements in the fire service and community exemplifies outstanding performance. To be considered for the award, nominees must have been a volunteer firefighter for at least 20 years. Recipients are as follows:

2023 – LeRoy Koopman (SD)	2008 – John Doster (PA)	1993 – Joseph A. Jackson (MO)
2022 – Steven Klein (NY)	2007 – Robert T. Bettenhausen (IL)	1992 – Ray Crouch (TN)
2021 – Theodore Schroll Jr. (CT)	2006 – Lawrence F. "Sonny" Ruff (KS)	1991 – Joseph R. Robison (MD)
2020 – John Brooks (NJ)	2005 – Patrick Hlavaty (TX)	1990 – A.E. "Gus" Welter (MN)
2019 – Wylie Donaldson Jr. (MD)	2004 – John S. DaVanzo (NY)	1989 – William A. Hagevig (AK)
2018 – Ronald Farr (MI)	2003 – Phil Sayer (MO)	1988 – George F. Comp, Jr. (MD)
2017 – Freddy Johnson, Sr. (NC)	2002 – James Mahoney (NY)	1987 – Elsworth Greer (TX)
2016 – Donald Snyder (NY)	2001 – Dan Stevens (MD)	1986 – Louis DeFillipo (NJ)
2015 – Edward J. Mello (AB)	2000 – Dale Perry (GA)	1985 – James L. Grote (CT)
2014 – Charles Singleton (VA)	1999 – Robert "Red" McKeon (CT)	1984 – William Irvine Talley (AZ)
2013 – John M. Buckman III (IN)	1998 – William Wutz (NY)	1983 – Russel D. Salak (NE)
2012 – Lawrence Plumer (WI)	1997 – Walter Smittle, III (WV)	1982 – D.W. Mathesin (IA)
2011 – Glenn Jernigan (NC)	1996 – John A. "Jack" Scheben (KY)	1981 – Eugene M. Braun (NY)
2010 – John McAuliffe (CT)	1995 – David S. Dwyer (MD)	1979 – John Moehring (CT)
2009 – Fred Allinson (WA)	1994 – Aubrey N. Boudreaux (LA)	1978 – O.E. Hirst (WI)

Fire Prevention and Education Award

This award honors a volunteer firefighter or non-operational Fire Corps volunteer who exemplifies the philosophy of fire prevention. The award was established in the memory of volunteer firefighter Marc Mueller. Recipients are as follows:

2017 – William Wren (NY)	2008 – Donald Dalrymple (NY)	1999 – Joe Stambush (KY)
2016 – Michael McLeieer (MI)	2007 – Kimberly Herskowitz (PA)	1998 – Doug Rodenbeck (IN)
2015 – James Jarboe (MD)	2006 – Dayna Hilton (AR)	1997 – Tom Dillon (NJ)
2014 – Jim Pickett (AK)	2005 – Diane M. May (MD)	1995 – Joseph Abbruzzese (NJ)
2013 – Rhonda Cerny (NE)	2004 – Jeff Williams (MD)	1994 – Thomas Van Vranken (NY)
2012 – James Conomea (FL)	2003 – Don North (UT)	1993 – Brian McQueen (NY)
2011 – Kenneth Pagels (NY)	2002 – Art Mercurio (NJ)	1992 – Cindy Tarquini (MD)
2010 – Earl Cunningham, Jr. (PA)	2001 – Neil Critchlow (UT)	
2009 – Edward Sawicki (DE)	2000 – Linda Stuckey (MS)	

James P. Seavey Sr. Health and Wellness Leadership Award

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This award honors a volunteer firefighter, EMS provider, or rescue worker who has served as a leader in creating or promoting emergency responder health and wellness programs or initiatives in areas including, but not limited to, firefighter cancer, heart health, behavioral health, and overall health and wellness. Recipients are as follows:

2023 – Mahlon Irish Jr. (NY)
2022 – John M. Buckman III (IN)
2021 – Robert James (CT)
2020 – David Lewis (MD)
2019 – Brian McQueen (NY)

Junior Firefighter of the Year

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This award honors a junior firefighter who has gone above and beyond in their service to their fire department. Recipients are as follows:

2023 – Kyra Kozey (NY)	2016 – Brittany French (WV)
2022 – Kaylee Gianforte (NC)	2015 – James Thomas “Jimmy” Johnson (NC)
2021 – Paige Davis (KS)	2014 – Jennifer Schaefer (ND)
2020 – Donald Ciecuch (NJ)	2013 – Andrew Krahm (NY)
2019 – Robert Dowd (NY)	2012 – Katherine (Kassie) Brierley (CT)
2018 – Jared Hagen (OH)	2011 – Brendan Finley-Davis (KS)
2017 – Parker Ketler (OH)	2010 – Michelle Alyssa Carilli (CT)

Junior Firefighter Program of the Year

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This award honors a junior firefighter program or Explorer Post that has demonstrated significant community impact, innovation, and creativity. Recipients are as follows:

2023 – East Norwich Junior Program (NY)	2015 – Hedgesville 4-H Junior Volunteer Fire Company (WV)
2022 – Rowlett Explorer Post One (TX)	2014 – Washington County High School Fire and Rescue Academy (MD)
2021 – Colonia Fire Department Explorer Program (NJ)	2013 – Arcadia Junior Fire Company (MD)
2020 – Westhampton Beach Fire Department Junior Program (NY)	2012 – Cherryville Fire Department (NC)
2019 – Westport Fire Department Explorer Post #774 (MA)	2011 – Lake Carmel Fire Department Explorer Post #2041 (NY)
2018 – Gaston Volunteer Fire Department Junior Firefighter Program (NC)	2010 – Westhampton Beach Fire Department’s Junior Fire Company (NY)
2016 – Northwest Fire Explorer Post 1854 (OH)	

E. James Monihan Director Award

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This award honors a current or former board member whose remarkable achievements on the NVFC board exemplify outstanding performance and have gone above normal expectations. Recipients are as follows:

2022 – Philip C. Stittleburg (WI)

2021 – Thomas Miller (WV)

2020 – Michael Bird (MA)

2019 – James P. Seavey Sr. (MD)

2018 – Kenn Fontenot (LA)

2017 – Norm Hoeft (NE)

2015 – Pat Hlavaty (TX)

2014 – Robert "Red" McKeon (CT)

2013 – Bryant Stiles (KY)

2012 – Ken Knipper (KY)

2010 – Jeff Cash (NC)