

To All Members, Companies and Departments:

The CCVFA is pleased to announce that once again we will be recognizing a Columbia County Firefighter of the Year in 2026. In addition, the legacy award previously known as ‘The Lifetime Achievement Award’; was started several years ago to honor those that have dedicated decades of volunteer hours. Over the years this award has evolved. We are pleased to continue to honor firefighters with the induction into the Columbia County Firefighters Association Hall of Fame.

Please review the attached guidelines provided. Every Fire Company, Department and Association has members who are deserving of special and due recognition. The Nominee(s) must be a member of the Association in good standing.

There are two separate application/ nomination forms. One for each award category. Please utilize the correct form depending on the departments nominations. If there are multiple firefighters nominated for the same incident, please include all on one form. If there are multiple nominations for separate and distinct reasons please nominate on separate forms.

All nominations must be received on or before May 1, 2026. The Committee will review all nomination applications and present the Awards at the Annual Convention. Please call Eric Barnes at (518) 708-7105 if you have any questions.

Firematically yours,

Committee of Firefighter of the Year

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