

# COURAGEOUS SERVICE AWARD



## **Purpose**

This award shall constitute recognition of courageous service on the part of an employee(s) in the water utility or wastewater utility profession.

Military duty, in and of itself, while certainly commendable and honored, will not be considered for this award.

## **Nominee Eligibility Requirements**

To be eligible for this award the individual(s) must, within the past 12 months, as the result of extraordinary and/or catastrophic events, have demonstrated acts of dedication to their profession, so as to ensure and maintain the provision of water and wastewater services to the community(ies) they serve, in circumstances where they have placed the needs of said community above their own safety and well-being.

Each award may be presented to an individual member of any grade of VA AWWA or VWEA membership or an employee of any water or wastewater utility, whether or not that utility holds membership in AWWA or VWEA.

The Virginia Section AWWA award requirements match the AWWA National award requirements. This will allow VA Section AWWA awardees to be submitted to and be considered for the award at the National level.

## **Nomination or Submission Deadline**

Recommendation by a VA AWWA or VWEA member through the submission of an online form. Nominations can be submitted here: <https://vaawwa.org/page/courageous-service-award>

## **Award Committee Membership**

The Nominations Committee shall serve as the Courageous Service Award judging committee.

## **Method of Selecting Award Recipient**

The procedure for selecting an award recipient shall be as follows:

1. The courageous service shall be brought to the attention of the VA AWWA Executive Director in the manner of online submission of the incident.
2. The Executive Director shall investigate the courageous service and, if deemed worthy, shall be presented to the Nominations Committee for evaluation.

## **Frequency**

Annually, if deserved.

## **Presentation of the Award**

The VA AWWA Section will present the award to the recipient at the VA AWWA Awards Luncheon during the Joint Annual Meeting (WaterJAM).