

Wildlife Law Enforcement Officer of the Year

I. General criteria:

- a. Must be full-time state, federal or provincial wildlife law enforcement officer. (All wildlife law enforcement officers are eligible including specialty officers such as marine patrol, aquatic investigations and recovery, air patrol, etc.)
 - All nominees for the national award must have won the chapter's state/provincial officer of the year award.
- b. The NWTF's state/provincial chapter board of directors must approve the nomination of the selected officer. The nomination must be submitted to NWTF headquarters by the state chapter president.
- c. All nominated officers must complete and return the personal information form prior to the deadline. E-mail Michelle Jones at mjones@nwtf.net to request a personal information form.

II. State/Provincial chapter criteria:

- a. Each participating chapter must submit a personal information form to their state chapter president to nominate an officer for the national competition. E-mail Michelle Jones at mjones@nwtf.net to request a personal information form.
- b. Each participating chapter may submit **up to two pages of typed information** supporting their nominee to their state chapter president. Supporting information may include recent and past accomplishments. Note: Information regarding specific accomplishments has much more value than general comments such as "he/she is a great officer," or "everyone likes him/her," or "he/she always does a great job."
- c. Support letters, newspaper clips, magazine clips, etc. may also be submitted to the state chapter president.
- d. The NWTF's state/provincial chapter board of directors must approve the nomination of the selected officer. Only one officer per state may be nominated for the national competition. The nomination and support information must be submitted to headquarters by the state chapter president.
- e. Completed forms must be signed by the state chapter president and received at NWTF headquarters by the end of the working day on **Nov. 20, 2009**. Late

entries CANNOT be considered for the national award. However, state/provincial winners whose information was not received by the deadline are still encouraged to attend and participate at the convention.

III. The NWTF's wildlife law enforcement committee will resolve any eligibility criteria related questions.

Information to Consider for

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Case Involvement

- Officer should be involved in a variety of work activities. High percentages of case success is not the only criteria. High numbers accompanied by a variety of cases, placing special emphasis on major cases and wild turkey resource violations is an important factor.

Public Relations

- The wildlife law enforcement officer's willingness to participate in public relations activities such as public speaking engagements, writing newspaper columns, television and radio interviews in addition to the officer's involvement in civic or nonprofit organizations.

Attitude

- A positive frame of mind regarding all work assignments.
- The wildlife law enforcement officer's professional approach to the general public.

Enthusiasm

- The willingness to seek work activities through self-motivation.
- The willingness to assist the public with any type of wildlife related problems.

Attitude Toward Other Department Employees And Other Law Enforcement

Agencies

- The willingness to interact with other Department employees and his/her eagerness to assist them.
- The willingness to interact and assist with all branches of Law Enforcement within his/her assigned work area.

Professionalism

- The ability to interact with all constituents in a business like manner.
- The extent in which the officer knows or is willing to learn the specific details of the job.
- The community's respect for the officer.
- The ability to communicate with Department personnel and the public.

Dependability

- The availability to respond when called upon to answer incident reports.
- The ability to schedule and meet all deadlines in a timely fashion.
- The officer can be relied upon to make proper decisions.

Investigative Skills

- The ability to gather and communicate information relating to illegal activities.
- The ability to effectively communicate orally or by written reports.
- The ability to perform appropriate documentation of wildlife crime scene.

Supports Hunting Heritage

- Demonstrates support for preserving our hunting heritage.
- Provides law-abiding sportsmen and women with positive experiences.
- Share experiences with those new to outdoor activities.

Outstanding Activities

- Any additional outstanding activities, such as media coverage of the officer, etc., may be submitted.