

## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Heads of Fire Departments

**FROM:** Stephen D. Coan  
State Fire Marshal

**DATE:** January 1, 2013

**SUBJECT:** Massachusetts Firefighter Service Award Nominations

The Fire Service Commission and the Department of Fire Services would like to thank the Fire Service Community for their participation in the Massachusetts Firefighter Service Award Program. This award is available to any Massachusetts firefighter who has served for any period of time totaling 20 or more years, in five year increments, i.e., (20, 25, 30, etc.). This length-of-service award is available to call, career and volunteer members of your department who meet the applicable criteria for their respective award. Please find enclosed the Firefighter Service Award Package, which includes the following:

1. Nomination form
2. Appeal for reconsideration form
3. Criteria for nomination of call, career or volunteer firefighters;
4. V.H. Blackinton & Co., Inc. order form for insignia (**order direct from your local dealer**).

The nomination forms should be filled out and returned to **Sally Wyrobek at The Department of Fire Services, Western Mass. Office, P.O. Box 389, One Prince Street, Northampton, Massachusetts 01060-0389.** Upon review and acceptance of your nomination form, a certificate in the name of the nominee will be returned to you so that you may sign and award it, along with the service pin (**ordered at your cost directly from your local Blackinton dealer**) to the nominee. This award will be signed by the Chairman of the Fire Service Commission as well as the State Fire Marshal. It is our suggestion that the service pin be worn on the right side of the uniform, above the pocket flap on the dress uniform shirt, and in the corresponding location on the dress blouse or uniform jacket.

Any general questions involving this award should be directed to Sally Wyrobek at (413) 587-3181 x200 as all forms and certificates will be processed by the Department of Fire Services. In closing, we would like to thank you in advance for your cooperation in ensuring the success of this very worthwhile recognition award.

Recipients can be viewed on our website at <http://mfa.chs.state.ma.us/mfsa/search.asp>

Encs.

# Massachusetts Firefighter Service Award

## Nomination Form

*(Please print or type)*

Name of Fire Department \_\_\_\_\_

Head of Fire Department \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Nominee \_\_\_\_\_  
*Rank                      First Name                      Middle Initial                      Last Name*

Nominated for: (check one)

- Massachusetts Call Firefighter Service Award
- Massachusetts Career Firefighter Service Award
- Massachusetts Volunteer Firefighter Service Award

Total Years of Service \_\_\_\_\_ years

I, \_\_\_\_\_ as head of the \_\_\_\_\_  
Fire Department hereby certify that the above named individual is a member in  
good standing and is qualified by virtue of length of service as provided for in the  
Massachusetts Firefighter Service Award Criteria.

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Date*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Signature*

- *Please reproduce this blank form and use one form for each nominee.*
- *Please send completed form to:                      Sally Wyrobek, Department of Fire Services, Western  
Massachusetts Office, P. O. Box 389 – One Prince Street, Northampton, MA 01060-0389*

## Appeal for Reconsideration

I, \_\_\_\_\_, a firefighter on the \_\_\_\_\_ Fire Department hereby appeal the decision of \_\_\_\_\_, head of the department, in failing to submit my name as nominee for the Massachusetts Firefighter Service Award based upon \_\_\_\_ years of service as a  Call,  Career,  Volunteer, Massachusetts firefighter (attach statement as necessary).

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Firefighter

I, \_\_\_\_\_, head of the \_\_\_\_\_ Fire Department certify that I have reviewed the criteria for the Massachusetts Firefighter Service Award and in my opinion the above named firefighter is not qualified based upon years of service for the following reason(s):

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Head of Fire Department

Please submit this form along with any attachments to Sally Wyrobek, Department of Fire Services, Western Mass. Office, P.O. Box 389, One Prince Street, Northampton, Massachusetts, 01060-0389

**Note: Reconsideration for denial of the Massachusetts Firefighter Service Award is limited solely to issues of length or service as provided in the criteria for respective award, i.e., call, career or volunteer.**



# Massachusetts Firefighter Award Form

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