

# 2020 CRPOA AWARDS ANNOUNCEMENT AND CRITERIA

The California Reserve Peace Officers Association is proud to announce the Annual Awards Program for 2020. We invite you to nominate a deserving member of your organization for one of several recognition awards. The awards will be presented at our Annual Awards Luncheon at ARPOC 2020 held in conjunction with the Annual Reserve Peace Officers Conference, which offers 28 hours of POST approved training.

Do not miss out on an opportunity to honor a deserving individual within your organization. Recognition is for Reserve Peace Officers, Search and Rescue Members and Volunteers in Policing as well as Reserve Coordinators.

Review the award nomination information to determine which award is best suited to your nominee. *Along with the Award Nomination Application, a letter of nomination **must** be submitted detailing the nominee's qualifications and accomplishments. Documentation supporting the nomination letter must be included.* Questions can be forwarded to [nancy@crpoa.org](mailto:nancy@crpoa.org). Nominations deadline is June 15, 2020.

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## Award Criteria

*Please note, in 2013 the CRPOA Board of Directors voted to modify the time restriction on awards to three years. You may now submit nomination for events which occurred up to three years ago. The Board will also consider exceptions for older events on a case-by-case basis.*

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### Award for Valor

For an act of conspicuous bravery in the line of duty, performed in conscious disregard of peril to the officer. To be awarded, all of the following criteria must exist:

- ◆ The bravery exhibited must be above and beyond that expected in the line of duty.
- ◆ Failure to take such action would not justify censure.
- ◆ The risk to the officer's life actually existed and the officer was able to perceive the risk and disregard it.
- ◆ The objective was of sufficient importance to justify the risk.
- ◆ The officer accomplished the objective or was prevented from accomplishing it by incurring serious injury or death.

Notes:

- The criteria for this award include consciousness of the peril and the disregard thereof. Thus, merely finding oneself in the middle of a perilous situation and having to take action to get out of it would not qualify.
- There is no limit to the number of qualifying awards.
- May be awarded to a reserve peace officer, search and rescue member or volunteer in policing.
- The nominee does not need to be a CRPOA member.
- The act must have occurred between June 1, 2017 and May 31, 2020, inclusive.

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### Award of Honor

Presented to the family of a reserve peace officer, search and rescue member or volunteer in policing whose life was given in the line of duty due to the action of a third party.

Notes:

- This award recognizes supreme sacrifice in the line of duty. It does not require that the officer knowingly placed himself or herself in a perilous situation nor does it require an act of heroism in order to be awarded. It does require the action of a third party in causing the death.
- There is no limit to the number of qualifying awards. In an appropriate case, an Award for Valor and an Award of Honor could be made for the same action.
- May be awarded to a reserve peace officer, search and rescue member or volunteer in policing.
- The decedent need not have been a CRPOA member.
- The death must have occurred between June 1, 2017 and May 31, 2020, inclusive.

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### Reserve Officer of the Year, Search and Rescue Member of the Year, and /or Volunteer in Policing of the Year

Awarded to the nominee excelling in all the qualifications for the Meritorious Service Award which place the reserve officer/search and rescue member/volunteer in policing clearly above all other candidates.

Notes:

- Only one qualifying award shall be made each year for each of three categories: reserve peace officer, search and rescue member and volunteer in policing.
- The nominee must be a general member of CRPOA on the date the nomination is received.
- The qualifying actions must occur prior to May 31, 2020.

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### Meritorious Service Award

For especially meritorious service to the department in a duty of great responsibility. The duty may be either assigned or self-initiated. Superior performance of the normal duties of the position will not alone justify the award.

Considerations for the award include all areas of:

- ◆ Outstanding performance of the officer's duties either in a single act or over time
- ◆ Extraordinary level of assistance to the reserve unit and/or the department

- ◆ Extraordinary level of service to the community;
- ◆ Training or teaching within the department
- ◆ Longevity with the department.

Notes:

- *The nominee must be a general member of CRPOA on the date the nomination is received.*
- *There is no limit to the number of qualifying awards.*
- *The qualifying actions must occur between June 1, 2017 and May 31, 2020, inclusive.*

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#### **Distinguished Service Award**

For distinguished service by a reserve officer, SAR member or volunteer in policing.

Considerations for the award include one or more of the following:

- ◆ Distinguished service either in a single act or over time
- ◆ Substantial assistance to the reserve unit and/or the department
- ◆ Substantial service to the community
- ◆ Training or teaching within the department
- ◆ Longevity with the department

Notes:

- *The nominee must be a general member of CRPOA on the date the nomination is received.*
- *There is no limit to the number of qualifying awards.*
- *The qualifying actions must occur between June 1, 2017 and May 31, 2020, inclusive.*

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#### **Award of Appreciation**

For distinguished service to the members of the California Reserve Peace Officers Association.

Considerations for the award include:

- ◆ Distinguished service to the Association either in a single act or over time
- ◆ Substantial assistance or contribution to the Association

Notes:

- *There is no limit to the number of qualifying awards.*
- *The qualifying service must occur between June 1, 2017 and May 31, 2020, inclusive.*

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#### **Coordinator of the Year**

Presented to the coordinator of reserve peace officers, search and rescue members or volunteers in policing who excels in:

- ◆ Displaying a strong commitment to the unit
- ◆ Dedication to the enhancement of the professionalism and training of the unit members
- ◆ Promoting a positive image of unit members within the department and the community
- ◆ Demonstrating efforts to use unit members in non-traditional roles or assignments

Notes:

- *The nominee must be a full-time employee of the department in which he or she serves as the coordinator of a reserve peace officer, search and rescue or volunteer in policing unit.*
- *The nomination must be made from within the unit supervised by the nominee. It may not be made by the department or by another full-time employee of the department. Supporting letters from the department are encouraged.*
- *Only one qualifying award shall be presented.*
- *The qualifying service must occur prior to May 31, 2020*

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#### **General Notes**

##### ***Important note to nominators:***

Nominators for any CRPOA award shall be:

- *A chief executive of a law enforcement agency; or,*
- *A full-time officer who serves as a reserve coordinator; or*
- *A General Member of the Association.*

*When submitting a nomination please review the awards criteria thoroughly to assure that your nominee meets the criteria. You may submit a nomination for the highest possible award for which you believe your nominee meets the criteria. The Awards Committee may determine that your nominee qualifies for the category nominated or may select the nominee to be recognized in a different category. For example, a candidate nominated for Reserve Officer of the Year might receive that award, or may be honored with the Meritorious Service Award or other qualifying award.*

Nominations packets **must** include:

- 1) *An application, completed and legible.*
- 2) *A letter of nomination on department letterhead summarizing the qualifications of the candidate for a specific award.*
- 3) *Documentation supporting qualifications, such as awards, certificates, commendations, letters.*
- 4) *If a specific event, copies of incident/police reports, news coverage, photos/video.*

*Nominators must also assure that contact information for award notification is current.*

*Note - nominations may be sent to the Awards Committee at:*

- *California Reserve Peace Officers Association, P.O. Box 1238, Pacifica, CA 94044*
- *Or scan and e-mail your nomination packet to [nancy@crpoa.org](mailto:nancy@crpoa.org).*
- *If you do not receive confirmation of receipt of the nomination packet by the Awards Committee within 2 weeks of mailing or emailing documents, contact Nancy Elam by email or phone immediately.*

Any questions about the nomination process can be forwarded to Nancy Elam, Awards Committee Chairman by email at [nancy@crpoa.org](mailto:nancy@crpoa.org) or by phone at 408-309-8756.

***The deadline for the receipt of nominations is June 15, 2020***

