



National Missing Children's Day Awards



OJJDP
Office of Juvenile Justice and
Delinquency Prevention

In May of each year, the United States Department of Justice (DOJ), through its Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP), recognizes the extraordinary efforts of individuals, organizations, and agencies that have made a significant contribution to protecting children during the prior calendar year. The following awards will be presented through a nomination process that is detailed in this booklet.

- [Missing Children's Law Enforcement Award](#)
- [Missing Children's Citizen's Award](#)
- [Missing Children's Child Protection Award](#)
- [Attorney General's Special Commendation Award](#)

Processing of the awards is as follows:

- All nominations **must be submitted by January 24, 2018**. Late or incomplete applications will not be accepted. Nominations will be acknowledged upon submission.
- DOJ will identify a panel of peers to review the nominations.
- The review panel will rank the nominees and provide their scores to DOJ/OJJDP for review.
- DOJ reserves the right to decline to select a winner for this year based upon the applications received.
- Nominees are subject to a formal background check and final approval by DOJ/OJJDP.
- Award winners will be notified by DOJ/OJJDP, and the names will be announced by DOJ/OJJDP in or around April 2018.
- DOJ/OJJDP will send a formal announcement of the winners to all persons who made a nomination. It will be the responsibility of the nominators to notify their respective nominee, if he/she was not selected.
- The awards will be presented in Washington, DC, at the National Missing Children's Day Ceremony, which will be held on May 23, 2018.

Please direct all questions to the National Criminal Justice Training Center of Fox Valley Technical College at 877-798-7682 or mc.day@fvtc.edu.

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Missing Children's Law Enforcement Award

Guidelines

The award is intended to recognize the efforts of an active duty law enforcement officer or officers. If the nomination contains more than one nominee, please clearly indicate who will accept the award on behalf of the team. Only one individual is permitted to accept the award.

- Nominations will not be accepted from relatives or friends; nor will self-nominations be accepted.
- The exemplary actions of the individual(s) being nominated for the award must have taken place in 2017.
- Nominees must be United States citizens.
- Incomplete applications will not be accepted.
- Nominees are subject to formal background check and final approval by DOJ.
- DOJ reserves the right to decline to select a winner for this year based upon the applications received.
- All submitted materials become the property of DOJ.

Nominee Criteria

- The nominee(s) must be an active member of the law enforcement community.
- The nominee(s) must meet one of the following criteria:
 - Was actively involved in an investigation leading to the recovery of missing/abducted child or children.
 - Developed a program, policy or guidelines that significantly improved the safety of children.
 - Made a significant impact on missing or abducted children's issues or programs at the department, county, regional, state, or national level.

Nomination

Complete the [online nomination form](#), including a description of the action or contribution of the nominee(s) in 500-words or less. If more than one individual is being nominated, please submit contact information for all individuals and describe each person's role. Only one individual will be permitted to accept the award on behalf of the team so please clearly indicate who will accept the award on behalf of the team.

[Complete a nomination form today!](#)



Missing Children's Citizen's Award

Guidelines

The award is intended to recognize the courageous act of a private individual or individuals whose actions directly helped to safely recover a missing/abducted child or children. This award recognizes the extraordinary vigilance and valiant actions of concerned citizens.

- Nominations will not be accepted from relatives or friends; nor will self-nominations be accepted.
- The exemplary actions of the individual(s) nominated for the award must have taken place in 2017.
- Nominees must be United States citizens.
- Incomplete applications will not be accepted.
- Nominees are subject to formal background check and final approval by DOJ.
- DOJ reserves the right to decline to select a winner for this year based upon the applications received.
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Nominee Criteria

- The nominee(s) must be an individual or individuals who actively participated in the recovery of a child or children.
- The nominee(s) must meet one of the following criteria:
 - Individual actions resulted in the recovery of a missing/abducted child or children.
 - Collaborated with law enforcement and other community partners to recover a missing/abducted child or children.
 - Provided operational support to law enforcement for the purpose of recovering a missing/abducted child or children.

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Missing Children's Child Protection Award

Guidelines

The award is intended to recognize the efforts of an individual or individuals representing law enforcement (including police, sheriffs, and prosecutors), child protective service agencies, or other multidisciplinary professionals who work exclusively in the field of child protection. If the nomination contains more than one nominee, please clearly indicate who will accept the award on behalf of the team. Only one individual is permitted to accept the award.

- Nominations will not be accepted from relatives or friends; nor will self-nominations be accepted.
- The exemplary actions of the individual(s) who is being nominated for the award must have taken place in 2017.
- Nominees must be United States citizens.
- Incomplete applications will not be accepted.
- Nominees are subject to formal background check and final approval by DOJ.
- DOJ reserves the right to decline to select a winner for this year based upon the applications received.
- All submitted materials become the property of DOJ.

Nominee Criteria

- The nominee(s) must be an active law enforcement officer (police, sheriff, or prosecutor), child protective service agency personnel, or other multidisciplinary professional who works exclusively in the field of child protection.
- The nominee(s) must meet one of the following criteria:
 - Was actively involved in an investigation leading to the protection of a child or children from victimization.
 - Developed new policies or guidelines that significantly improved the safety and protection of children from abuse or victimization.
 - Made a significant impact on child protection at the department, county, regional, state, or national level.

Nomination

Complete the [online nomination form](#), including a description of the action or contribution of the nominee(s) in 500-words or less. If more than one individual is being nominated, please submit contact information for all individuals and describe each person's role. Only one individual will be permitted to accept the award on behalf of the team so please clearly indicate who will accept the award on behalf of the team.

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Attorney General's Special Commendation Award

Guidelines

The award is intended to recognize individual or Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) Task Force efforts. If your nomination contains more than one nominee, please clearly indicate who will accept the award on behalf of your team. Only one individual will be permitted to accept the award on behalf of the team.

- If other agencies are involved that should be included in this award nomination, it is the responsibility of the nominator to coordinate with them and submit one nomination.
- Nominations must be made by an ICAC Task Force Member or an OJJDP ICAC Task Force Program Manager.
- Each ICAC Task Force is limited to one annual nomination.
- DOJ reserves the right to decline to select a winner for this year based upon the applications received.
- Award winners are subject to formal background check and final approval by DOJ.

Nominee Criteria

- The nominee must be an ICAC Task Force, an ICAC affiliate agency, or an individual assigned to an ICAC Task Force or affiliate agency.
- The nominee shall have performed either an investigative activity deemed exceptional or beyond the call of duty or have made a significant contribution to the ICAC Task Force Program.
- The nominee's investigative or program contribution must have taken place in 2017.

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