



All agencies interested in submitting an officer for this award should contact B.L. Smith 801-568-7240 or Bill Dunlap 801-942-5769 .

Applications and instructions can be obtained online @ www.utlegion.org

- Nominee does not need to be a member of the American Legion or a veteran
- Nominee must be living, active, full-time sworn LEO
- Nominee's can be LEO's with: City, County, District or State Police, Highway Patrol, sworn Federal LEO's
- Military Police or investigators are eligible if they are state law enforcement certified



The Department of Utah award will be presented at the annual department convention Banquet on June 26, 2010 in St. George, Utah.

Applications for the Department Law Enforcement Officer of the Year must be forwarded to the committee chairman not later than 1 May 2010.

Criteria for the Utah award follow the national guideline requirements.

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DEPARTMENT OF UTAH

Law Enforcement Officer of the Year

The American Legion National Law Enforcement Officer of the Year Award is to honor an outstanding well rounded officer who has demonstrated a distinct pattern of community service, above and beyond assigned duty requirements.

The Department of Utah American Legion is accepting applications from any agency that has a full time sworn officer they deem qualified for this honor.





Americans in recent years have been experiencing an unprecedented crime wave which has permeated all States and neighborhoods in our country, and crime is rapidly becoming America's foremost domestic problem. The Preamble of the Constitution of The American Legion includes as one of its objectives... "to maintain Law and Order". As concerned citizens and veterans, Legionnaires have always fostered a strong sense of law and order and have upheld the protection of American citizens and the American way of life. They have always held law enforcement agencies in the highest regard, and many posts and departments already recognize outstanding law enforcement officers of various jurisdictions who daily serve our communities and frequently lay their lives on the line .

The purpose of this letter of instruction is to specify the guidelines, eligibility criteria, and application requirements for selection and presentation of the "National Law Enforcement Officer of the Year Award." Our goal is to select a well-rounded Law Enforcement Officer who has exceeded, above and beyond, the duty requirements expected of his/her position and has demonstrated a distinct pattern of community service coupled with professional achievement. Episodes of heroism will, of course, also be included where noted.

A major secondary purpose of this award is to encourage the further development of department and post Law and Order Committees in all departments in recognition of law enforcement officers by posts, departments, and the National Headquarters of The American Legion. It is firmly believed that the establishment of this award will further serve to promote the public trust and support of our law enforcement agencies.

Award Designation : This award shall be known as "The American Legion National Law Enforcement Officer of the Year Award" and it will be presented annually at the national convention or other suitable American Legion settings, as appropriate. All departments are encouraged to participate in this worthwhile and prestigious award program. "The American Legion National Law Enforcement Officer of the Year Award" will



include paid travel and hotel expenses and reasonable expenses for round trip travel for the winner and spouse to the national convention city; presentation of "The American Legion National Law Enforcement Officer of the Year Award" and a letter of commendation signed by the national commander. Coverage in the American Legion Dispatch and/or The American Legion Magazine and other media will be included. The National Law Enforcement Officer of the Year will also be awarded a distinctive lapel pin reflecting his/her selection as the National Law Enforcement Officer of the Year by The American Legion. If the law officer is a member of The American Legion, he or she will also be entitled to wear the embroidered National Law Enforcement Officer designation on the right side of the American Legion cap with the appropriate year so reflected. Past and future "The American Legion National Law Officer of the Year Award" winners will receive distinctive NELOY lapel pins for their year.

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