

Do you or your colleague meet the criteria?

POST SELECTION COMMITTEE

**THE AMERICAN LEGION
DEPARTMENT OF FLORIDA**

PALM VALLEY POST 233

Judging Criteria for competition

- well rounded individual
- has exceeded, above and beyond, the duty requirements of his/her position
- exemplifies the virtues of professionalism and dedication
- demonstrates a pattern of community service, on or off duty
- proven his/her personal dedication to societal security and protection

The selection committee at Post 233 shall consist a chairman and two additional members. They will make the selection from the nominee packets that are submitted from the Sheriff and Fire-Rescue Departments for the local Law Enforcement Officer and Firefighter of the Year Awards.

The 5th District American Legion Law-Order Chairman will assist Post 233 when needed, to prepare the recipients application to the Department of Florida for consideration for the State Award.

For more information contact:

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Point system applied to applications:

Professional career 40 points

Community service 35 points

Heroism 20 points

Letters of recognition, documentation,
news clippings, etc. 5 points

If you think your co-worker meets the criteria,
please recommend him/her to your supervisor.



**LAW and ORDER
PROGRAM**



ST. JOHNS COUNTY

FIRST RESPONDERS

WHAT IS LAW AND ORDER?

In the preamble to the American Legion Constitution, which we recite at the beginning of every meeting, we pledge ourselves to ten purposes, among them are (1) to uphold and defend the Constitution of the United States of America; (2) **to maintain Law and Order**; (3) to foster and perpetuate a one hundred percent Americanism; (5) to inculcate a sense of individual obligation to the community, state and nation; and (8) to promote peace and good will on earth.

To this end, we strive to maintain law and order in our homes, Posts and communities. We also honor those “unsung heroes” of our lives ~ the law officers and firefighters of our community ~ who give unselfishly of themselves every day so that we might have freedom and protection from harm.

The hours that they give are often “above and beyond the call of duty”, and frequently go unrecognized. Their families also give of themselves in this effort, as many hours are spent away from home in their professional dedication to their fellow man.

WHAT DOES POST 233 DO TO SUPPORT THE LAW & ORDER PROGRAM?

Palm Valley Post 233 began its support for this program in 2011 by requesting candidate nominations from both the St. Johns County Sheriff and Fire-Rescue Departments, for both the Law Enforcement Officer and Firefighter of the Year Awards. Multiple nominations are requested each year but are limited to three (3) from each department.

The Post selection committee will review all nominee packets submitted, commendation certificates will be awarded to all nominees and a plaque will be awarded to both the Law Enforcement Officer and Firefighter of the Year as determined by the selection committee.

Nominee packets will be sent to the Sheriff and Fire-Rescue Departments **each June**.

The Post provides a complimentary meal to every Law Enforcement Officer and Firefighter attending the Awards Ceremony. This event is held in September in conjunction with Patriot’s Day, when we recognize and honor all first responders in our community.

WHAT PAPERWORK IS REQUIRED FOR COMPETITION?

In order to be eligible for competition, the nominee **must be a Florida certified** Law Officer or Firefighter. In addition, the Post selection committee must receive the following documents in the nominee packet:

1. **Completed application cover sheet**
2. **A 5x7 photograph of the nominee**
3. **Narrative – no more than 6 pages, including letters of recommendation, one sided, describing his/her outstanding service**
4. **Backup documentation, one sided, no more than 12 pages and must include his/her state or federal certification. Include: letters of support from county or state officials, newspaper articles, letters of commendation, certificates of training.**

DEADLINES

- **Nomination packet(s) will be mailed** to your Department Headquarters during the **month of June, with an August return date** deadline.
- Awards Ceremony flyers will also be mailed for distribution.
- Supervisors should contact respective headquarters or visit Post 233 for a packet.