



# Ohio Association of Professional Fire Fighters

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Sisters and Brothers,

Please consider submitting nominations for the 2026 OAPFF Biennial Conference Awards/Recognition program. Below is a brief description of each category.

Nominations may be submitted by ANY OAPFF member, local, group of members in good standing, or a member in good standing of the OAPFF Retiree Organization.

Along with who you are nominating and what category you are nominating them for, please provide your name(s), local name and number, and contact information (cell and email). In your submission, provide the nominee's name, contact information, and a description of why they are being nominated in about 500 words. In addition, provide any supporting documents that support why you are nominating them.

Nominations should be sent to Chief of Staff Bill Mastroianni: at [conferences@oapff.org](mailto:conferences@oapff.org) with a copy sent to your DVP NO LATER THAN April 30, 2026. Please include the category of the nomination in the subject line of the email.

**OAPFF District Leadership Award:** This will go an active member that consistently exceeds the professional expectations of an OAPFF member; strives continuously to improve him/herself as a leader in her or his local, is a tireless advocate for the IAFF/OAPFF, their local, department and community.

**Chief of the Year:** Member exemplifies outstanding leadership qualities; is supportive and promotes the professional growth of his/her subordinates, actively promotes a standard of excellence for his/her department, is supportive of the IAFF local in her/his department, is active in professional labor management relationships and is supportive of the efforts of the affiliate local.

**Legislator of the Year:** This award is given to a member of the local, state, or federal legislature who embodies the values of the IAFF, OAPFF and/or their local affiliate, who is supportive of fire fighters issues and our agenda. The legislator consistently shows interest and supports the growth of the fire and EMS service; exemplifies leadership and demonstrating extraordinary persistence in advancing legislation and policies that encourage a safe and effective fire and EMS response in Ohio.

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JON HARVEY, PRESIDENT RICH GOFORTH, SECRETARY-TREASURER

**OAPFF President's Award**: This shall serve as the OAPFF's highest form of recognition to a member that has been active and involved in various union activities over a great number of years; the qualities in her/his profession as well as personal life set the standard for other union members as well as those in the community.

While the list outlines the general criteria by which the nominees will be judged, you may nominate anyone for which you feel the award is justified.

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In Solidarity,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jon D Harvey". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

**Jon Harvey, OAPFF President**