



MONTGOMERY COUNTY FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE  
MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MD

# INFORMATION BULLETIN

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**SUBJECT:** Montgomery County Chamber of Commerce  
Public Safety Valor Awards Program

The deadline for nominations for the 2007 Valor Award and Community Service Awards is January 2, 2008. Nominations must be accompanied by appropriate documentation, such as unit/incident reports, letters of commendation, newspaper articles, etc., and a written narrative describing the action(s) of the nominee(s), and the incident or event. Please submit this documentation to Division Chief Richard Bowers at MCFRS Headquarters. The awards will be presented at the Bethesda North Marriott Conference Center on March 14, 2008. Those who wish to attend who are non-awardees may contact Chief Bowers. Below is a description of each award criteria.

**GOLD MEDAL:** The highest award in recognition of an act of bravery involving extreme personal risk, which is clearly above and beyond the call of duty. Except in the most extenuating circumstances, not more than one gold medal will be awarded annually to each service.

**SILVER MEDAL:** Awarded in recognition of acts of bravery involving great personal risk.

**BRONZE MEDAL:** Awarded in recognition of acts of bravery involving unusual personal risk beyond that which should be expected while performing the usual responsibility of the member. Bronze medals may also be awarded to members who demonstrated unusual judgment, zeal or ingenuity during an emergency situation, when that act is beyond what is normally expected in the performance of duty.

**HONORABLE MENTION:** Awarded for an act of valor which, although not qualifying for a Bronze medal, involves personal risk and/or a demonstration of judgment, zeal, or ingenuity not normally involved in the performance of duties.

**COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD:** Awarded for demonstration of dedication and initiative above and beyond the call of duty, performed over a period of time, without compensation, that has positively affected and benefited the citizens of Montgomery County.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tom Carr", positioned above the printed name.

Issued by: Fire Chief Tom Carr