

March 2015

The RON ALDRICH MEDAL OF VALOR AWARD
AMERICAN LEGION DEPARTMENT OF VERMONT

Everyday, somewhere across the State of Vermont, men and women, who are firefighters or EMTs, put their lives on the line to save the life of someone they have never met. Many times these heroic acts go uncelebrated and, therefore, go unnoticed by others.

The American Legion Department of Vermont has an award, The Ron Aldrich Medal of Valor Award, to recognize and promote those who contribute, to an outstanding degree, to the well-being of the citizens in our State. This Medal of Valor Award, one of the highest esteemed medals that can be awarded by the American Legion, must, of necessity, be awarded only to those who demonstrate a high degree of risk to their own life and safety, for the protection of the life and safety of another. This act must be above and beyond the normal performance of duty.

If you know of a firefighter or EMT that you feel is deserving of this award and has demonstrated the powers of observation, diligence and persistence, intelligence of deduction, devotion to duty, has shown to risk his/her own life and personal safety to save the life of or prevent serious injury to another, please let us know. We ask that the incident have occurred between March 1, 2014 and March 1, 2015. An application form is attached. The deadline to return is April 15th to Department Headquarters.

THESE HEROES NEED TO BE RECOGNIZED AND CELEBRATED!

Sincerely,

Ron Aldrich, PDC
American Legion Dept. of Vermont



**RON ALDRICH
MEDAL OF VALOR AWARD
DEPARTMENT OF VERMONT**

To recognize and promote those who contribute, to an outstanding degree, to the citizens in our state. It is recommended that the following guidelines be observed when submitting candidates for consideration for FIREFIGHTER, EMT & RESCUE AWARDS.

1. Written reports must be submitted containing the "FOUR "W'S"; i.e. WHEN, WHO, WHERE, and WHAT.
2. When possible, reports should be substantiated by copies of Fire Reports, EMT reports or newspaper accounts.
3. Awards may be considered for continuous outstanding performance of duty for the protection of life and property.
4. Local Fire Departments and Emergency Departments may be consulted for possible candidates for awards.
5. To be considered: Powers of observation, diligence and persistence, intelligence of deduction, devotion to duty, demonstrated willingness to risk own loss of life and personal safety to save the life of, or prevent serious injury to, another.
6. Did the action take place while the candidate was on or off duty?
7. Was the candidate equipped with safety equipment? If so, how?
8. The candidate is not required to be a public safety employee.
9. Posthumous awards may be presented.
10. Individual posts and districts are encouraged to conduct "Firefighter, EMT and Rescue Awards".
11. Those candidates, submitted for consideration to the Department Firefighter, EMT and Rescue Committee, who are not selected for presentations at the Department Convention should be recommended for consideration by the concerned District for awards on the District or Post level.
12. Medals of Valor, the highest esteemed medal that can be awarded by The American Legion, must, of necessity, be awarded only to those who demonstrate a high degree of risk of their own life and safety, for the protection of the life and safety of another. It must be above and beyond the normal performance of duty.
13. Department Firefighter, EMT & Rescue Awards cannot be considered on the basis of District. The only consideration is to be that of merit.

14. For Department Award Presentation, incident should have occurred between March 1st of the previous year and March 1st of the present year.

**RON ALDRICH - FIREFIGHTER, EMT & RESCUE
MEDAL OF VALOR AWARD**

NAME AND ADDRESS OF PERSON BEING NOMINATED:

CHECK APPROPRIATE BOX:

Firefighter

EMT

Rescue

DATE OF INCIDENT: _____

PLACE OF

INCIDENT: _____

DESCRIPTION OF ACTION TAKEN (Use additional sheets, if necessary):

NAME AND ADDRESS OF SPONSOR:

AMERICAN LEGION POST AFFILIATION (If Applicable): _____



**APPLICATIONS MUST BE SUBMITTED BY
APRIL 15**

PLEASE SUBMIT TO:
THE AMERICAN LEGION OF VERMONT
P O BOX 396, MONTPELIER, VT 05601-0396