

PBA/SOA AWARD GUIDELINES FOR CITATIONS AND/OR COMMENDATIONS

(Established by The City of Clifton Police Chief and the PBA/SOA Awards Committee)

Type and Description of Awards

I. Awards for Heroism

Medal of Honor:

This is the highest award given by the Clifton Police Department and recognizes a member who intelligently, in the line of duty, distinguishes themselves by the performance of an act of *outstanding bravery with the risk of imminent personal danger to his/her life, with the full knowledge of the risks involved*. The uniform ribbon for the Medal of Honor has a green field with gold stars. **Click here** to see the Medal of Honor uniform ribbon.

Combat Cross:

The Combat Cross is awarded for individual acts of heroism *at imminent personal hazard to life in combat with an armed adversary*. The uniform ribbon for the Combat Cross is gold, green, white and blue with a gold star in the center. **Click here** to see the Combat Cross uniform ribbon.

II. Award for Injuries Received in the Line of Duty

Wound Medal:

The Wound Medal is awarded for a wound received in the line of duty which was *inflicted intentionally by an armed adversary, resulting in severe puncture wounds, lacerations, fractures or concussion* being suffered by the officer. The uniform ribbon for the Wound Medal is solid green. **Click here** to see the Wound Medal uniform ribbon.

Injured On Duty Certificate:

The I.O.D. Certificate is awarded to an individual who is *seriously injured in the performance of duty under honorable conditions while attempting to apprehend an individual in a criminal act or during other primary law enforcement functions*. The injury

must be of sufficient seriousness as to require professional medical treatment.

III. Meritorious Service Awards

Meritorious Service Medal:

The Meritorious Service Medal is awarded for *outstanding arrest of an armed actor during the commission of a First or Second Degree Crime*. The uniform ribbon for the Meritorious Service Medal is green, white and blue with gold borders between colors. **[Click here](#)** to see the Meritorious Service uniform ribbon.

Exceptional Duty Medal:

The Exceptional Duty Medal is issued for an *outstanding arrest or clearance of a First or Second Degree Crime or for the arrest of a subject armed with a weapon which is readily accessible, under adverse conditions with some degree of hazard to the nominee or another individual*. The uniform ribbon for the Exceptional Duty Medal is green and white with a gold center border. **[Click here](#)** to see the Exceptional Duty uniform ribbon.

Life Saving Medal:

The Life Saving Medal is awarded for an *act performed with disregard for personal safety, with prompt or alert action which results in the saving of a life or lives*. The uniform ribbon for the Life Saving Medal is red, white and red with gold borders between colors. **[Click here](#)** to see the Life Saving uniform ribbon.

IV. Honorable Service Awards

Honorable Service Medal:

The Honorable Service Medal is awarded for *exceptionally competent and/or creditable act demonstrating personal initiative and accomplishment well beyond what is normally expected*. The uniform ribbon for the Honorable Service Medal is red and white with a gold border between colors. **[Click here](#)** to see the Honorable Service uniform ribbon.

Chief's Citation:

The Chief's Citation is a certificate of merit that will be awarded to an officer or group of officers who, while displaying outstanding teamwork and Esprit de Corps, performed a highly creditable act beyond the ordinary course of duty. Recommendations for the Unit Citation **must be made by a Lieutenant or higher and will be decided upon by the Chief of Police, not the Awards Committee.**

Excellent Police Duty Citation:

The Excellent Police Duty Citation is a certificate of merit awarded to a member whose *performance has exhibited exceptional initiative and resourcefulness* thus upholding the finest traditions of the Clifton Police Department.

Letter of Merit:

A Letter of Merit is awarded for performance that is recognizable because of its professionalism, attention to detail or special effort to accomplish it.

Civilian Merit Awards:

A certificate of recognition will be awarded to any civilian who performs any act of heroism or service to the community which if performed by a Police Officer would have resulted in one (1) of the aforementioned awards. This certificate will be presented to the recipient during the Awards Presentation Program.

V. Outstanding Law Enforcement Officer of the Year:

Nominations for Outstanding Law Enforcement Officer of the Year shall be in narrative form and contain documentation to support the selection. Areas of consideration will include, but not be limited to job performance, dedication to duty, attitude, appearance, reliability, public service involvement as well as any other areas.

Nominations will be accepted between November 15th and December 6th of each year. A formal request for nominations will be made prior to the start date by the Chairman of the Awards Committee.

The uniform ribbon for the Outstanding Law Enforcement Officer of the Year Medal is red,

white and blue with a gold border between the colors. The year in gold numerals will be centered in the middle of the ribbon. **[Click here](#)** to see the Law Enforcement Officer of the Year uniform ribbon.