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MEDAL DAY AWARD CATEGORIES

The following is a list of awards that could be presented:

1. **Medal of Supreme Sacrifice**: to be presented by the Monmouth County Freeholders to the next of kin of any firefighter, regardless of rank, who has died as a result of injuries sustained in the performance of his or her duties.
2. **Medal of Valor**: to be presented by the Monmouth County Fire Marshal to members of the fire service who affect the rescue of any soul, be they a firefighter or civilian, whose life, is endangered by fire or other emergency (medal and bar awarded).

The Medals of Valor shall be further distinguished by Class 1, 2, & 3 as to the element of personal risk involved in effecting the rescue.

All Medals of Valor shall be awarded with the class attached as listed below:

- ✚ Medal of Valor, Class 1: the rescue exhibited extreme personal risk affecting the rescue
 - ✚ Medal of Valor, Class 2: the rescue exhibited great personal risk affecting the rescue.
 - ✚ Medal of Valor, Class 3: the rescue exhibited unusual personal risk in affecting the rescue.
3. **Administrative Medal**: to be presented by the Monmouth County Fire Marshal to any fire personnel in an administrative capacity who displayed initiative and knowledge, and has gone to extremes to better the fire service (medal and bar awarded).
 4. **Investigative Medal**: to be presented by the Monmouth County Fire Marshal to any fire personnel in an investigative capacity, who by their knowledge and initiative has performed in an extraordinary manner in the area of fire investigation (medal and bar awarded).

- ✚ Unit Citation: to be presented by the Monmouth County Fire Marshal to any fire unit, who as a unit, displays knowledge, initiative, and team work under the direction of an officer, and has performed in an extraordinary manner in the area of fire suppression or any unusual incident (certificate awarded).
- ✚ Police Officers and First Aid members who perform Meritorious Acts at a fire scene shall be awarded Certificates of Recognition and a Service Bar, presented by the Monmouth County Fire Marshal.
- ✚ Special Recognition: at any time a submitted candidate has performed a deed or action that the board feels is worthy of special recognition, a special Award of Recognition will be granted. This award shall be given when the deed or action does not fit the criteria of the other medals or is deemed so by the Board of Merit. The special recognition will be awarded by the Monmouth County Fire Marshal (bar will be awarded).

All awards are determined from review of written reports submitted by superior officers of the candidates involved, by the Monmouth County Board of Merit. All decisions by the Board are final and not subject to appeal. It is the responsibility of the officers in command of each unit to see that all reports of Meritorious Acts are submitted to the Office of the Fire Marshal for consideration by the Board of Merit.

Award Day will be held annually at the Monmouth County Fire Academy. If there are not enough recipients to justify the ceremony, the awards will be held over to be presented the subsequent year. In no case will the ceremony be extended past (2) two years.