

April 4, 2017

2017 Florida Retail Federation Law Enforcement Officer of the Year Award CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

Dear Distinguished Florida Law Officer:

In appreciation and support of Florida's outstanding law enforcement community, the Florida Retail Federation is pleased to continue its tradition of sponsoring our annual Florida Retail Federation (FRF) Law Enforcement Officer of the Year awards program. We are currently seeking nominations for the **2017 Law Enforcement Officer of the Year (LEOY)** through Tuesday, May 23, 2017. **The selected officer will receive a \$3,000 cash award, among other honors.** Please take a few moments now to review this nomination information, which includes qualification details, and consider who you would like to nominate from your agency.

Nominating an officer to be considered for this award is a great way to recognize his or her accomplishments and professionalism, and say "thanks for a job well done." All eligible nominees will receive a certificate of recognition noting the honor of being nominated for the LEOY award, which will be mailed to their nominator.

NOMINATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED IN THE FRF OFFICE NO LATER THAN TUESDAY, MAY 23, 2017.

FRF created the LEOY award in 1974 to support and encourage outstanding law enforcement work throughout the state and to recognize the important contributions Florida's law enforcement professionals make in promoting safety and security in places of business. The annual award has been presented to 47 individuals who have embodied the epitome of excellence in law enforcement. In addition, hundreds of outstanding officers have been honored through nominations and other special recognitions.

QUICK FACTS and QUALIFICATIONS

- *Eligible nominees are officers up to and including the rank of sergeant from police and sheriff's departments and select state agencies listed on the nomination form.*
- *Nominations should be based on overall performance from April 1, 2016, through March 31, 2017. Supporting material that does not fall within this time period may not be considered.*
- *We respectfully request that you send only one nomination from your department or agency.*
- *The nominator should complete the attached nomination form and include a letter of recommendation from the department head and / or nominating superior, and any supporting documentation relating to the nominee's accomplishments such as letters of commendation, other awards, and newspaper clippings. Please include as many additional pages as necessary to highlight your nominee's accomplishments and contributions.*
- **Please carefully read and follow all instructions on the two-sided nomination form.** *In past years, some outstanding LEOY nominees could not be adequately considered by the selection committee because their nominations were not detailed enough.*

A selection committee that includes representatives from retail security, law enforcement and government entities will select an officer from the eligible nominations who will be named the **"2017 Florida Retail Federation Law Enforcement Officer of the Year."** **Both the winning and nominating officers will be invited as guests of the Florida Retail Federation to attend a special Awards Dinner on Thursday, July 20, 2017, at the Gaylord Palms Resort in Kissimmee in conjunction with FRF's 4th annual Loss Prevention Conference.**

For further information about the LEOY program, please contact Brenda Grindstaff at 1.888.FL.RETAIL (357.3824) or FRFAwards@frf.org. *The Florida Retail Federation salutes and appreciates our state's many fine officers. We look forward to receiving your nomination.*

Sincerely,

DAN DOYLE
CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD
FLORIDA RETAIL FEDERATION
SR. VICE PRESIDENT, BEALL'S INC.

R. SCOTT SHALLEY
PRESIDENT AND CEO
FLORIDA RETAIL FEDERATION



2017 FLORIDA RETAIL FEDERATION LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER OF THE YEAR AWARD



NOMINATION FORM

ELIGIBILITY:

- Eligible nominees are officers up to and including the rank of sergeant from Florida police and sheriff's departments, the Florida Highway Patrol, the Florida Department of Law Enforcement, the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, and the Florida Department of Business and Professional Regulation's Division of Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco Bureau of Law Enforcement.
Nominations should be based on overall performance from April 1, 2016, through March 31, 2017.
We respectfully request that you send only one nomination from your department or agency.

Please complete the information requested on BOTH sides of this form, include additional materials as warranted, and return by mail to:

LEOY AWARD COMMITTEE
FLORIDA RETAIL FEDERATION
227 SOUTH ADAMS STREET
TALLAHASSEE FL 32301-1720

DEADLINE: NOMINATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED IN THE FLORIDA RETAIL FEDERATION OFFICE
NO LATER THAN TUESDAY, MAY 23, 2017.

Note: Nominations can also be submitted by email to FRFAwards@frf.org or faxed to Attn: LEOY at 1.850.561.6625. Editable nomination forms can be downloaded at www.frf.org. Look for the LEOY logo on FRF's home page for details.

NOMINEE INFORMATION

Name, including rank:
Name of nominee's agency:
Agency address:
City: State: Zip:
Phone number: Fax:
Email:
How long has this nominee worked for this agency?
How long has this nominee worked in law enforcement, if different from above?

NOMINATOR INFORMATION:

Your name:
Your address:
City: State: Zip:
Phone number: Fax:
Email:
Relationship to nominee:
(check) This nominee was approved by Chief / Sheriff / Agency Head (name)
Agency website, if applicable:
Agency Public Information Officer and contact information, if applicable (name, phone, email):

2017 FLORIDA RETAIL FEDERATION LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER OF THE YEAR NOMINATION FORM
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PLEASE PROVIDE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION PRINTED ON A SEPARATE SHEET OR SHEETS OF PAPER:

1. A letter of recommendation from the department or agency head, and / or the nominating superior.
2. Please indicate how the officer's achievements have assisted the retail industry and / or the community in general (for example, if the officer's achievements are related to crimes such as burglary, assault, identity theft, shoplifting, fraud, organized retail theft or improvement in community relations through outreach / policing).
3. Please give examples of the nominee's efforts and achievements in each of the following areas. (Remember, in order for the selection committee to properly evaluate your candidate for the award, it is crucial that they get the "big picture" of your candidate's well-rounded work as a law enforcement officer.)
 - A. Hard work and commitment to the vows taken as a law enforcement officer
 - B. Outstanding or significant achievements that go above and beyond the call of duty
 - C. How the officer represents your agency and the law enforcement profession to the community and public at large
 - D. Community volunteer work, if any, the officer does in his or her own time
 - E. Any other attributes which may make this nominee a good candidate for the award
4. Please include any supporting documentation relating to these achievements, such as letters of commendation, mention of other awards, and newspaper clippings.

These criteria should be considered only for the performance period from April 1, 2016, through March 31, 2017.

LEOY WINNER RECEIVES:

- A \$3,000 cash award;
- Accommodations and travel for the winner, spouse or guest, and the winner's nominating officer to a special Awards Dinner which will be held Thursday, July 20, 2017, at the Gaylord Palms Resort in Kissimmee in conjunction with the 4th annual Florida Loss Prevention Conference;
- A customized LEOY medallion;
- Recognition in FRF publications, on its website, and in press releases sent to the media;
- Plus, the officer's name will be inscribed on a permanent plaque, which can be displayed for one year in the department headquarters and lists all LEOY recipients since the program's inception in 1974.

For more information, please contact Brenda Grindstaff, toll-free, at 1.888.FL.RETAIL (357.3824) or FRFAwards@frf.org. Award information is also available on the FRF website at www.frf.org. We regret that nomination materials cannot be returned. Please feel free, however, to include photocopied photos, documents, etc.

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Nominations may also be submitted electronically by email to FRFAwards@frf.org through May 23 or by fax to Attn: LEOY, 1.850.561.6625.

ALL NOMINEES PROVIDING AN EMAIL ADDRESS WILL BE SENT A RECEIPT RESPONSE WHEN THEIR NOMINATION IS RECEIVED.

We appreciate your participation and look forward to receiving a nomination from you! Your participation helps raise the public's awareness of the importance of law enforcement officers in our communities.



The Florida Retail Federation's Loss Prevention Council is a network of retail companies, law enforcement agencies, and others fighting retail crime. To join our mailing list, please contact James Miller at james@frf.org or 1.888.FL.RETAIL (357.3824).