

## International Healthcare Security and Safety Foundation (IHSSF)

IHSSF was established for the purpose of fostering and promoting the welfare of the public through educational and scientific research and development of healthcare security and safety management and administration.

These objectives of service to the public are accomplished by:

- Promoting and developing educational research into the maintenance and improvement of healthcare security and safety management
- Developing and conducting educational programs for the public in the field of healthcare security and safety management

## IHSSF Recognition Program

The Recognition Program has been established to recognize and promote overall excellence and exceptional contributions in the fields of healthcare security, safety, or risk management consistent with the purpose and aims of the International Healthcare Security and Safety Foundation.



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# Recognition Program

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### Medal of Merit

presented in furtherance of the purpose and aims of the International Healthcare Security and Safety Foundation



## Medal of Merit

Presented to an individual who distinguishes himself/herself in the performance of duty by an act of personal fortitude above and beyond the call of duty not taken at the risk of his/her own life.

Nomination submissions should include documentation attesting to the act of personal fortitude of the nominee:

- Copies of all correspondence including, but not limited to, internal incident reports, administrative reports, witness statements, unsolicited letters from unbiased sources, copies of external agency reports (i.e., law enforcement, fire and/or emergency medical services responders), and media articles
- Documentation clearly defining sound judgment, fortitude, abilities, use of learned skills, and appropriateness of response
- A curriculum vitae of the nominee to include professional, educational, and career accomplishments

The Nomination Review Committee will evaluate and consider, among other factors, whether the act of personal fortitude protected or compromised the nominee's own safety, the safety of others, and/or the security of the facility and its human and physical assets.

Should more than one nomination for separate acts of fortitude be submitted, the Nomination Review Committee may recognize more than one individual as recipient of the Medal of Merit.

## Nomination Criteria

Nominations may be submitted by any member in good standing of IAHSF, an executive of a healthcare facility/institution, or contract security provider employing an IAHSF member in good standing.

To be considered, nominations must be received by the Nomination Review Committee *no later than January 15 of each year.*

Nominations must specifically define the act of distinction attributed to the nominee and the ensuing effect on the facility, community, and region, as well as relationships with the various municipal agencies.

Materials supporting nomination must include the name and business address of the nominee as well as identification of local media outlets.

All documentation and materials supporting the nomination become property of IHSSF and will not be returned.

Inquiries may be directed to 888/353-0990 or [nancy@iahss.org](mailto:nancy@iahss.org)

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## Nomination Review Committee

The IHSSF President shall appoint a Nomination Review Committee annually. The Committee shall be comprised of at least three persons including the Committee Chairperson. Committee members shall be active or Life members in good standing of IAHSF. At least one member shall be an Officer of the seated IHSSF Board of Directors.

Recognition shall be granted without regard to race, creed, gender, national origin, or age. Recognition will be based solely upon the documentation provided with the nomination.

## Nominee Selection

In accordance with procedures established by the IHSSF Board of Directors, the Nomination Review Committee shall select the most qualified as recipient of the Medal of Merit. Selection will be finalized in late March.

The determinations and decisions of the Nomination Review Committee are final, based solely upon the submitted nomination documentation and supporting materials. The Nomination Review Committee will not divulge, nor discuss, with nominees, nominators, or other persons information regarding the selection of the recipient.

Recognition will not be provided if the Nomination Review Committee determines that established criteria has not been met.

In early April, the President of IHSSF will be notified by the Committee Chairperson of the decision of the Nomination Review Committee. The IHSSF President will, by formal business correspondence, notify the selected recipient, provide the specific nature of that recognition, and provide an invitation to the IAHSF event at which the recipient will be formally recognized.

The Chairperson of the Nominating Review Committee will submit a press release to the chief executive officer and media relations officers of the selected recipient's institution identified as well as local media outlets. This information will be provided to be released within five days prior/subsequent to the scheduled event of recognition.