

ARFF WORKING GROUP LEGENDS AWARD – 2026

SELECTION CRITERIA/COMMITTEE

- The most senior of the most recently appointed Legends will serve as the Chair and be a non-voting member of the Legend Committee. The Chair will run the meetings and vote only if necessary to break the tie for Legend.
- An invitation shall be extended by the Selection Committee Chairperson to all Legends for participation in the Selection Committee. A minimum of five (5) Legends will participate on the Selection Committee. In the event there are not at least five (5) current Legend recipients willing to participate on the Selection Committee, the positions will be filled by appointment from the Executive Board or Board of Directors by the Legend Committee Chair.”
- Any member in good standing of the ARFF Working Group may submit a nomination for the Legend Award as long as all the selection criteria are met.
- Any member who submits a nomination that meets all of the selection criteria will be given the opportunity to present their nomination for their proposed candidate. Members who are not Legends who submit a nomination, will be invited to present at the beginning of the Legend Election virtual meeting. Immediately after the presentations by non-Legends and any Q & A, the Legend Chairman will ask the non-Legend’s to leave the meeting prior to the election.
- All Legends have the opportunity to vote for his/her choice of nominee. Only Legends will have the right to Vote.
- The initial list of nominees should be completed (60) sixty days prior to the annual symposium and the nominee should be selected at least 30 days prior to the Annual Conference.

BENEFIT

- It is understood that the Legend Award is the most prestigious of all of the ARFFWG awards and each inductee has been selected by their peers. List of some of the benefits are noted below:
 - Lifetime membership in the ARFFWG
 - Complimentary registration at ARFFWG events
 - Recognition on perpetual award plaque
 - ⊖ Individual Plaque
 - Legend pin to be presented at same time as plaque
 - Recognition at each subsequent annual symposium

- Name tag to reflect status of induction at any symposium attended

ELIGIBILITY

- Open to Individuals only
- Because this criteria has gone through a preliminary established process, there will be only one (1) individual inducted per year, and the nominee will be introduced by the Senior Legend present at the Annual Symposium.
- Posthumous nominations may be submitted in addition to the living Legend nominee.
- Preferred candidate should have been instrumental in contributing to the ARFF industry and has adhered to the mission statement of the ARFF Working Group.
- Nominees need not be or have been an active firefighter, in the fire service or necessarily be associated with an airport or the military
- Nominees need not be members of the ARFFWG

CONTRIBUTING FACTORS FOR NOMINEES

- Nominees must have played a significant role in the direction of the ARFF community
- Nominees demonstrated a commitment over many years to foster progress within the ARFF industry
- The Nominees actions provide the catalyst for major change or improvement in the ARFF industry
- The Nominee developed a level of respect and recognition within the greater ARFF community that is recognized for shaping the effectiveness or safety of ARFF best practices