

FACT SHEET

Spirit of Courage Awards Banquet



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For 36 years, the Burn Institute has presented its Spirit of Courage Award to individuals in the San Diego community who have risked their own lives in an effort to save another from burn injury or death by fire. Over the past three decades, more than 500 local heroes have been honored at the annual Spirit of Courage Awards Banquet— including fire service and law enforcement professionals.

Nomination letters are mailed out at the end of each year to local fire and law enforcement agencies. The nominations are then sent to the Burn Institute, where they are reviewed by a committee made up of local fire chiefs and Burn Institute Board Members. The awards banquet is held each May.

The criterion for selection is as follows:

- Nominee must have performed an exceptionally courageous act in an attempt to save another person from death or serious injury from fire.
- The rescue attempt must have involved a high degree of personal risk or exposure to severe burn injury or death by fire.
- Firefighters and law enforcement personnel are eligible for this award but must have displayed a level of commitment not required or expected in their daily performance duties.

The Burn Institute is the local nonprofit agency dedicated to reducing the number of burn injuries and deaths in San Diego, Imperial, Riverside and San Bernardino counties through fire and burn prevention education, burn care research and treatment, and burn survivor support services.

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