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ERIE COUNTY TO LAUNCH AWARDS PROGRAM TO HONOR LOCAL FIRST AND SECOND RESPONDERS

ERIE, PA - The Erie County Distinguished Service Awards is a countywide recognition program intended to recognize first responders, second responders, and private citizens who have gone beyond or performed a significant act of public service.

These awards recognize extraordinary valor and heroism, outstanding actions, exceptional achievements, or innovated approaches to public service while maintaining high standards of integrity and professionalism.

The awards are broken down into seven categorizes:

1. **Law Enforcement** - This category includes Federal, State, Local, and private Police Departments. It also includes Federal, State, and County Corrections.
2. **Firefighter** - This category includes paid and volunteer Firefighters.
3. **Emergency Medical Services** - This category includes paid and volunteer EMS personnel.
4. **2nd Responders** - This category may include utility services, hazardous material response, hazardous waste cleanup, road clearing, crowd control, emergency services (i.e. Red Cross), first aid, food services, security services, social services (i.e. trauma counselors), sanitation and emergency management.
5. **Civilian - (18 & Over)** - Any Erie County resident 18 years old and over.
6. **Civilian (18 & Under)** - Any Erie County resident under the age of 18.
7. **In Memoriam** - This category includes nominations in memoriam for past acts of service for any of the above guidelines.

“So often we see the heroes in our communities not get the recognition that they truly deserve. This program will make sure that these men and women are recognized and honored for the lifesaving work they perform day in and day out,” Said County Executive Brenton Davis.

An online nomination form is located at <https://eriecountypa.gov/award-nomination-form/>

The nomination period will run from February 1st thru March 17th. Review and voting of the nominees will be completed by April 1st. In order to formally recognize the nominees, the County Executive will hold an awards ceremony at a later date in April.