



United States Attorney
Northern and Southern Districts of Iowa
U.S. Department of Justice

Dear Colleague:

The United States Attorneys' Offices for the Northern and Southern Districts of Iowa are seeking nominations for the Ninth Annual **Law Enforcement Victim Service Award**. This award is presented to law enforcement officers in Iowa who go beyond the call of duty to help crime victims. It is the highest federal honor in Iowa for victim services by a law enforcement officer presented as part of Iowa's celebration of National Crime Victims' Rights Week.

Two awards are presented yearly. The Continuous Service Award recognizes a nominee who has provided help to victims for many years, or developed an innovative program or policy that continues to serve crime victims. The Single Act Award recognizes exceptional assistance to a crime victim in a specific case. Please help us recognize the extraordinary efforts of law enforcement.

Nominations should be for actions which were particularly compassionate, innovative or pioneering in providing victim services and exemplify extraordinary dedication in helping victims of crime. The members of the Federal Victim Task Force* will help in selecting the award recipients. The awards will be formally presented on Thursday, April 30, 2009 at 1:00 p.m. at the State Capitol Building, Des Moines, Iowa. If the award recipient is unable to attend the ceremony, we would appreciate a person being designated to accept the award for the recipient.

Nominations are due by March 20, 2009. If you have any questions, please contact Shari Konarske, Victim-Witness Coordinator, U.S. Attorney's Office, Northern District of Iowa, at (319) 363-6333, or Vivian Van Vleet, Victim-Witness Coordinator, U.S. Attorney's Office, Southern District of Iowa, at (515) 473-9341. We look forward to receiving your nomination.

Sincerely,

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Matthew G. Whitaker
United States Attorney
Southern District of Iowa

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Matt M. Dummermuth
United States Attorney
Northern District of Iowa

* The task force comprises representatives from the U.S. Attorneys' Offices for the Northern and Southern District of Iowa, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Drug Enforcement Administration, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms, Social Security-OIG, Dept. of Health & Human Services-OIG, Iowa Crime Victim Compensation Program, U.S. Secret Service, Immigration & Naturalization Service, U.S. Dept. of Agriculture-OIG, Red Cross, U.S. Marshals Service, Iowa Emergency Management Division and U.S. Postal Inspection Service.

2009 Nomination Form: Law Enforcement Victim Service Award

Specify which award your nomination is for:

- Continuous Service Award
- Single Act of Assistance Award

Person Nominated

Name: _____

Agency: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Telephone: Home: _____ Work: _____ Cell: _____

E-mail address: _____

If nominating a group/task force, please provide the above information for each person nominated.

Person Submitting Nomination

Name: _____

Agency: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Telephone: Home: _____ Work: _____ Cell: _____

E-mail address: _____

Reminder: Please attach a statement supporting your nomination, not to exceed two additional pages. Newspaper articles, or letters of support, from the nominee's respective community may also accompany the nomination.

2009 Law Enforcement Victim Service Awards

Your nomination should fully reflect the extent of the nominee's exceptional services to crime victims. The selection of the Law Enforcement Victim Service Award will be based on the following criteria:

* Continuous Service Award: Exemplary assistance to crime victims over a significant period of years, or creation of new procedures, or practices, that enhanced services to crime victims, such as an innovative program or policy that offers positive and continual services to victims of crime.

* Single Act Award: Outstanding assistance to a crime victim in a specific case that exceeded the required responsibilities or expected duties and had a positive impact. The act must have taken place in the previous 18 months.

Nomination Guidelines:

1. The nominee(s) must be a sworn law enforcement officer, either current or retired.
2. A statement must accompany each nomination form (included in this announcement) explaining why the nominee should receive the award. Please do not exceed two pages.
3. The nomination package may include additional information about the individual(s) nominated and the impact on the respective community. Attach supporting documentation to the nomination form.
4. Nominations can be an individual or a group, such as a task force.
5. Individuals nominated in previous years can be nominated again.
6. The victim must live in Iowa, or the crime must have occurred in Iowa.

Deadline for nominations is March 20, 2009.

Please mail your nomination package to: Vivian Van Vleet, Victim Witness Program Manager
U.S. Attorney's Office -Southern District of Iowa
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Des Moines, Iowa 50309
Or fax (515) 473-9288
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