

2026 Hall of Legends, Legacies and Leaders Nomination Instructions

Any person or organization may submit a nomination(s) to the Hall of Legends, Legacies and Leaders in accordance with the following criteria:

Criteria Nomination packages will be evaluated based upon the following professional accomplishments, distinguished service and related factors:

- Nominees should have completed at least 25 years of service in the fire, special operations (i.e., technical rescue, US&R, hazmat, airport rescue firefighting, etc.) and EMS services and or fire prevention/protection disciplines and be known/recognized in the national/international fire service arena (local/regional recognition does not qualify).
- Level of National Impact upon the Fire Community and Area of Expertise. Level of candidate's impact and influence upon the national / international fire protection community and area of expertise. In short, how did the individual "make a difference" within the fire serve / fire protection community?
- Leadership Roles in Professional, Standards and Related Organizations. Leadership roles and positions of influence at a state, national or international level. This would include participation in consensus standards activities and fire protection community professional organizations (e.g., NFPA, IAFC, NVFC, IAFF, UL, etc.).
- Development of fire service and/or fire protection research, equipment, standards, or processes. These accomplishments should have a substantial impact upon the fire protection community, as applicable.
- Development of textbooks, articles, and related writings and/or digital products authored by or participated on by the candidate. This would include products produced or adopted by fire service and related organizations.
- Education, training and/or professional certification achievements achieved by the nominee and/or their organization during their period of service.
- Professional honors and awards received, including those both within and outside of the fire protection community.

Nomination submission

- Cover page or submission letter (does not count towards the nomination page maximum) with name of nominee and name and contact information of nominator, including physical mailing and email addresses. Include a short paragraph (2 – 3 sentences) summarizing the nominee's activities and accomplishment
- Current and/or previous Fire and Emergency services affiliations with dates.

- Summary of fire service experience/positions impacting the fire service at the National and/or international level.
- Picture (high resolution digital photos are recommended) and complete name of the nominee to include middle initial, current address, phone number and e-mail address, if available. NOTE: If the nominee is deceased, provide date of birth and death, and place of internment.
- The quality of the nomination package is critical for having an objective process to review each nominee, especially for those individuals who may not be known to the Selection Committee.
- Nominations shall be a maximum of two pages, not including the cover page and photo, and should use Arial Font 10 point.
- Nomination packages shall be submitted electronically by June 30, 2025, to HLLL@fireheritageusa.org.
- An individual or organization cannot submit more than two nominations annually.
- NFHC Officers and members of the Board of Directors are ineligible for nomination to the HLLL during their terms of office.

Selection Committee.

Don Bathurst, Chairman

Hall of Legends, Legacies and Leaders Committee

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