



## Manitoba Fire Service Awards and Honours

### Exemplary Service Medals

#### Fire Services Exemplary Service Medal

##### The Award

Canada's Exemplary Service Medals recognize the men and women dedicated to preserving Canada's public safety through long and outstanding service.

The Fire Services Exemplary Service Medal, created on August 29, 1985, honours members of a recognized Canadian fire service who have completed 20 years of service, ten years of which have been served in the performance of duties involving potential risks, and were employed on or after the date of creation of the Medal. Recognized fire services include Canadian fire departments, fire marshals' offices, fire commissioners' offices and the Canadian Forces fire services. Exemplary service is characterized by good conduct, and efficiency.

Consideration is given only to periods of service for which no other long service, good conduct or efficiency decoration or medal has been awarded by the Crown.

The medal is awarded for 20 years of exemplary service, with bars for 30, 40, and 50 years of service and may be awarded posthumously.

##### Eligibility

An individual may be awarded the Medal if the person was a member of a fire service on or after August 29, 1985, has completed 20 years as a member of a fire service, of which at least 10 years have been served in the performance of duties involving potential risk as determined by the advisory committee, has a record of exemplary service during the required period and, has had no serious disciplinary action taken against him or her during that period and has none pending.

No period of service that has been recognized by any other long service, good conduct or efficiency decoration or medal awarded by Her Majesty in right of Canada shall count as service for the award of the Medal. Full-time unrecognized exemplary service in a profession whose members are eligible to be awarded another exemplary service medal may count as qualifying service for the award of the Medal.

A person who has been awarded the Medal is eligible to be awarded a Bar in respect of each additional 10- year period of service in a fire service, after the 20-year period in respect of which he or she was awarded the Medal, if the person has a record of exemplary service during that period.

### **Nomination**

A nomination of a person for the award of the Fire Services Exemplary Service Medal or Bar shall be made to the Director, Honours, The Chancellery of Honours, by the awards committee of the jurisdiction in which the nominee is serving. A nomination shall consist of the written recommendation of the committee stating that the period of service, 20 years and each 10 years thereafter, has been completed by the nominee. The written recommendation should specify the day on which the period of service began and the day on which it was completed. The nomination must state that the nominee had a record of exemplary service and that during the period of service, no serious disciplinary action was taken in respect of the nominee and that none is pending. Finally, the nomination form must be signed by the chairperson or a designated member of the awards committee. On receipt of a recommendation for the award of the Medal or Bar, the Director, Honours, The Chancellery of Honours, shall submit it to the Governor General.

As the medal is for exemplary service, the Manitoba Awards Committee requests that a short letter of recommendation accompany the nomination, outlining the accomplishments of the nominee. The completed nomination forms and letter of recommendation should be forwarded to:

Manitoba Awards Committee  
c/o Office of the Fire Commissioner  
508 – 401 York Avenue  
Winnipeg MB R3C 0P8

This award is presented by the Governor General's Office. Information and nomination form can be accessed at:

<https://www.gg.ca/document.aspx?id=16061&lan=eng>

## **Manitoba Association of Fire Chiefs Fire Fighter's Long Service Award**

### **The Award**

The Manitoba Association of Fire Chiefs Fire Fighter's Long Service Medal was created by the Manitoba Association of Fire Chiefs in 2005 to recognize the contributions of the members of the Manitoba Fire Service who have dedicated 25 years to the needs of the residents of the communities that they serve.

### **Eligibility**

To be eligible for this award an individual must have five consecutive years membership with M.A.F.C., as verified by the nominating fire organization, and have 25 years cumulative active service in Manitoba with good standing. For Industrial/Non-Municipal fire fighters, this would mean training to, and certification at, the "NFPA 1001" Level One, after 25 years of service. Additionally, the candidate must be a current or former resident of Manitoba as well as a current or former member of the Manitoba Fire Service, whether full time, part time, or volunteer.

### **Nomination**

The nominating authority may be the Fire Chief, Deputy Chief, Senior Manager, Mayor and City Clerk or Town Administrator. Self-nominations will not be accepted. All nominations must consist of a completed M.A.F.C. Long Service Medal Nomination Form, along with a covering letter explaining why the nominee is worthy of the award. All nomination forms must be submitted by December 31st, after completing 25 years of service.

Applications may be made on behalf of the firefighter with any and all supporting documentation, with a full explanation of the candidate's service required. The application package will be reviewed by the M.A.F.C. Awards Committee who, at their discretion, will make a decision as to the Fire Fighters eligibility. Any decision by the committee will stand for the year the decision is made. Re-application cannot occur until the following year.

Completed application forms with all supporting documents can be sent to:

Manitoba Association of Fire Chiefs  
Attention: Medals Committee  
PO Box 1208  
Portage La Prairie, MB  
R1N 3J9

For further information on how to nominate a member of the Manitoba Fire Service for this medal, please visit [www.mafc.ca](http://www.mafc.ca), or contact the MAFC Executive Director at [mb.firechiefs@mymts.net](mailto:mb.firechiefs@mymts.net).

## **Mary Beth Dolin Meritorious Fire Service Award**

### **The Award**

Members of the Manitoba fire service protect the safety and well-being of their neighbours through their efforts in firefighting, fire prevention, safety promotion and emergency services. Their generosity of spirit and strong commitment to duty in the performance of a dangerous task serves as an inspiration to all.

The Mary Beth Dolin Meritorious Fire Service Medal was established in 1988 in recognition of Mary Beth's contribution to improved fire service training for Manitobans. The Medal honours individual achievement in the fire service, and is awarded to those who have demonstrated excellence, leadership or outstanding achievement, or to those whose contribution has substantially enhanced the safety of the people of Manitoba.

### **Eligibility**

A nominee for the award must be a current or former resident of Manitoba and must be a current or former member of the Manitoba fire service. Full-time, part-time and volunteer members of the Manitoba fire service are eligible. Elected representatives of Canada, Manitoba or municipalities are not eligible to receive the award while still in office. Any organization or person may nominate someone to receive the award; however, a person may not nominate an immediate family member.

### **Nomination**

A nomination must be submitted on the official form, giving the nominee's full name and address and outlining in detail the nominee's accomplishments and contribution to the fire service. The nomination form must be fully completed and signed by the nominator. Reference or documents from witnesses, participants or civic authorities that support the nomination should be attached. Nominations must be received prior to July 15<sup>th</sup> of each year. The nominations will be reviewed by the Manitoba Medals selection committee. Typically, two (2) worthy candidates are chosen annually by the committee. Awards are presented during Fire Prevention Week in October of each year.

Please contact the OFC for a copy of the nomination form and send completed forms with reference letters to:

Office of the Fire Commissioner  
508 – 401 York Avenue  
Winnipeg MB R3C 0P8

### **Further information:**

For any further information not mentioned in this bulletin, please contact the Office of the Fire Commissioner at 204-945-3322 or at [firecomm@gov.mb.ca](mailto:firecomm@gov.mb.ca).

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