

PHS ENGINEER RESPONDER OF THE YEAR AWARD (EROY)



The Engineer Responder of the Year was first awarded in 2005. The recipient of the EROY automatically becomes the Engineer Category nominee for the PHS-wide Responder of the Year award, and will compete against nominees from the ten other Commissioned Corps categories. This award is presented annually by the Engineer Professional Advisory Committee (EPAC) and the Chief Engineer.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this award is to recognize a USPHS Engineer Officer who has demonstrated outstanding achievements in disaster response and emergency preparedness.

ELIGIBILITY: All active duty and retired PHS Commissioned Corps Engineer Officers either working (or having worked) in a PHS Operating Division (OPDIV) or assigned to agencies or departments outside PHS are eligible for the EROY Award. The award is open to all ranks.

NOMINATION PROCEDURE: Nominees can be either self-nominated or submitted by a nominator.

1. One electronic (signed) copy of the following documents is required:
 - a. Nomination form.
 - b. Narrative with a clear and concise description of how the nominee meets the selection criteria and the significant contributions made by the nominee in emergency preparedness and disaster response for national or international public health threats. Narratives are limited to a maximum of 2 single-spaced typed pages (12 font).
2. Nominations should be sent to the Chair of the EPAC Awards Subcommittee by email. From the eligible nominations received, the EPAC Awards Subcommittee will make a recommendation for award to the PHS Chief Engineer within 15 days of the nomination deadline.
3. There is no requirement for OPDIV endorsement of nominations.

DEADLINE: Nominations for the PHS EROY are to be submitted on or before **October 28**.

FORM OF AWARD: The EROY Award winner shall receive a plaque and award certificate, bearing the signature of the Chief Engineer, which will be presented during the annual Commissioned Officer's Association Public Health Professional Conference (or equivalent).

SELECTION CRITERIA: Each nominee must have made outstanding achievements and contributions in disaster response and emergency preparedness to national or international public health threats. The award will be selected using the following criteria:

1. Office of Force Readiness and Deployment (OFRD) qualified;
2. One time impact on public health preparedness and response;
3. Career contributions to emergency preparedness and/or disaster response;
4. Role and impact in deployments;
5. Training and education applicable to preparedness and response;
6. Publications and presentations in the public arena related preparedness and response;
7. Willingness to give credit to the PHS for deployment activities (i.e. wearing the uniform while deployed, crediting the PHS in presentations and publications); and
8. Engineering skills and knowledge used to achieve significant accomplishments related to emergency response, preparedness, and disaster management.



U.S. Public Health Service Engineer Responder of the Year

NOMINATION FORM

Nominee Information:

Name: _____

Rank: _____ PHS Number: _____

PHS OPDIV/Agency: _____ Position/Title: _____

Duty Station Address:

If not self-nominated, complete the nominator information below:

Name: _____

Phone Number: _____ email: _____

PHS OPDIV/Agency: _____ Position/Title: _____

Signature: _____

Email this completed Nomination Form (as the cover sheet) and the narrative statement to:

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