



# INDIAN COUNTRY INTELLIGENCE NETWORK

Representing All 21 Indian Tribes in Arizona (Established in 1994)

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OUR MISSION:

*"Collaborative Information -- Intelligence Networking -- Best Practices"*

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## Indian Country Intelligence Network Awards 2016 Categories and Descriptions

### I. PURPOSE

To provide recognition of Police Officers, Corrections officers, Civilian support staff and Agency/Departments that have demonstrated exceptional courage or resourcefulness in service to the people of Indian Country, thereby exhibiting the highest tradition of Law Enforcement. There are eight (08) ICIN Recognition Awards in three categories of nomination.

### II. CATEGORIES

A. Category 1. Police Officers, Corrections Officers and Support Staff. There are six (06) awards of recognition for nomination of eligible employees.

(1) Act(s) of Exceptional Valor: Definition - An act or acts of exceptional valor shall mean that a Police Officer or Corrections Officer or a civilian staff person has by a conspicuous act or acts, clearly distinguished themselves by bravery, heroism, or outstanding courage and has placed the safety and welfare of the people of Indian Country above all other considerations.

(2) Outstanding Exceptional Service: Definition - Completion of a task or assignment that went beyond the normal call of duty, which served to enhance public safety, encourage community involvement and or demonstrated an effective use of the culture and traditions of the Tribe they are serving. .

(3) Life Saving: Definition - An act that results in the saving or preservation of a human life or lives that otherwise would have immediately expired without the employee's direct involvement in providing first aid, medical, or physical intervention. The victim must have survived a reasonable amount of time after the incident. The rescuer need not have been subjected to personal risk through this involvement.

- (4) **Community Service:** Definition - Outstanding performance or conduct exemplifying dedication to duty involving either a single act or continuing excellence that fosters or furthers the Purpose, Mission or Service of community-based policing philosophy.
- (5) **Police Officer of the Year:** Definition - Presented to any sworn Police Officer for outstanding performance or conduct exemplifying dedication to duty involving either a single act or consistently superior achievement or who has made a significantly noteworthy and exceptional contribution to their Police Department or Indian Country Policing. Examples of such performance include outstanding achievement under unusual circumstances or successful completion of a special project or activity not normally considered a part of the employee's job.
- (6) **Corrections Officer of the Year ['Craig Thomas' Award]:** Definition - Presented to any Corrections Officer for outstanding performance or conduct exemplifying dedication to duty involving either a single act or consistently superior achievement or who has made a significantly noteworthy and exceptional contribution to the Corrections Department or Indian Country Corrections. Examples of such performance include outstanding achievement under unusual circumstances or successful completion of a special project or activity not normally considered a part of the employee's job.
- B. Category 2: Department/Agency – There is one (01) award of recognition for nomination of eligible employees.
- (7) **Best Practices ['George Little, Jr.' Award]:** Definition - Demonstrates distinction and leadership by delivering enhanced operations to agencies, improved public safety or provide unique solutions for specific criminal justice problems, including community involvement, interagency coordination, use of the culture and tradition of Native Americans and or the Tribe they serve and other exceptional projects provided in and about Indian Country.
- C. Category 3: Prosecutors Office - Tribal or Non-Tribal. There is one (01) award of recognition for nomination of eligible employees.
- (8) **Prosecutor Exceptional Effort:** Definition - Demonstrates distinction in the administration of justice, and rules concerning the performance of their important responsibilities for and compliance with the equality before the law, presumption of innocence and the right to a fair hearing, thus contributing to fair and equitable criminal justice and the effective protection of American Indians communities against crime.

### III. CRITERIA FOR ELIGIBILITY

- A. Law Enforcement & Corrections: A nominee must be a sworn Law Enforcement Officer or Corrections Officer, or in the case of a civilian Employee, employed within Indian Country, regardless of rank or position, performance or actions demonstrated during the calendar year.
- B. Posthumous awards may be made in the name of a nominee to the surviving spouse, child of parent of such Police Officer, Corrections Officer or employee.
- C. Department/Agency: An Agency, Tribal, County, State, FBI or Bureau of Indian Affairs serving Indian Country.
- D. Prosecutors Office: An Agency, Tribal, County, State, or Federal office servicing Indian Country.

### IV. DOCUMENTATION

The following documentation must be submitted by the nomination agency to be eligible for consideration of the award.

- (1) Law Enforcement & Corrections: A letter of nomination from the Chief Executive Office of the Police Department or Corrections Facility and from the Chief Executive (President, Chairman, Governor, etc.) of the Community the nominee serves. The letter must include a brief overview of the incident or act(s).
- (2) Prosecutor: A letter of nomination from the Chief Executive Office of the Prosecutors Office and from the Chief Executive (President, Chairman, Governor, etc.) of one Community or Communities the nominee serves. The letter must include a brief overview of the incident or act(s).
- (3) Documentation of the incident of act(s) shall be required to include:
  - (a) A complete report of the incident or act.
  - (b) Copies of all official reports, statements, photographs, maps, etc.
  - (c) If available, related media reports, such as news articles or websites.
  - (d) *\*It is recognized that confidentiality considerations, may preclude the submission of reports and related materials. However, there must be sufficient documentation for a nominee to be considered.*

### V. SELECTION PROCESS

- A. Selection Committee:

The selection committee is composed of five (5) members of the Indian Country Intelligence Network, including the President. Selection Committee members will be nominated and elected by the general membership of ICIN. The term of the committee member will be indefinite unless the voluntarily resign the position or are removed.

- B. Conflict of Interest:  
Should any member of the Selection Committee have a direct association with a nominee, such member shall disqualify themselves and shall abstain from the deliberation and vote on such nominee.
- C. The award recipients will be chosen by the Selection Committee after a full review of nominations .

Honorable mention of no more than three nominees may also be made.

## **VI. LOGISTICS**

- A. Nominations can be sent via, e-mail, fax or mailed to:  
Inter Tribal Council of Arizona, Inc.  
Attention: Mr. Nathan Nixon  
2214 N. Central Ave., Suite 100  
Phoenix, AZ 85004  
Phone: (602) 254-4822, Fax (602) 258-4825  
Email: [nathan.nixon@itcaonline.com](mailto:nathan.nixon@itcaonline.com)
- B. The Deadline for receipt of nominations will be determined each year by the general membership of ICIN.
- C. Invitations will generally be distributed to all membership, posted on the ICIN web page and special invitations sent to the President, Chairman or Governor of the Community the recipient services .
- D. Generally, plaques are awarded to recognize award recipients, consisting of the following: Award category, inscription (optional), the recipient's name(s) and agency, the ICIN Logo, the President's and Vice-President's name and date awarded.
- E. The date and location of the awards ceremony will be at a location selected each year by the general membership of ICIN.