

Portland Fire & Rescue Firefighter of the Year Award

Initiated in 1977

Each year, Portland Fire & Rescue chooses a "Firefighter Of The Year" (FFOY). The person chosen is honored by Portland Fire but also by the American Legion - Portland Post #1 (located at 1830 SE 122nd Avenue).

In 1977, American Legion Post #1 began inviting the Portland "Firefighter of the Year" and Portland "Police Officer of the Year" to their annual "Russ Lemmon Friendship Dinner" to honor the distinguished service of these men and women.

The honor was named for Russ Lemmon, a long-time member of American Legion Post #1. Mr. Lemmon was a member of the US Navy (and World War II Veteran) and served as a Multnomah County Deputy Sheriff. He was known as a man of principle, dedication, and integrity, and thus the awards were named to recognize outstanding service and excellence in the performance of duty in a way that reflects Mr. Lemmon's steadfast values. Mr. Lemmon would pass on September 10, 1992 at the age of 72. The award continues in his honor.

Firefighter of the Year Recipients:

Year	Rank	Name
1977	Firefighter	Charles Gray
1978	Firefighter	Mel Pittmon
1979	Firefighter	Arnie Shumann
1980	Investigator	Don Murphy
1981	Firefighter	Ben Sickenger
1982	Firefighter	Rick Harder
1983	Firefighter	Jim Warnock
1984	Firefighter	Al Carocci & Frank Maas
1985	Battalion Chief	Dick Blanchard
1986	Firefighter	Bob McCuin
1987	Pub Info Off.	Les Pratt
1988	Pub Info Off.	Neil Heesacker
1989	Firefighter	Dean Johnston
1990	Firefighter	Dave Tuggle
1991	Firefighter	Craig Funk
1992	Firefighter	Bert Vogeles
1993	Firefighter	Scott Gotter
1994	Battalion Chief	George Jacobsen
1995	Firefighter	Don Palmer
1996	Lieutenant	Scott Beyers
1997	Firefighter	Tim Kelly
1998	Firefighter	Rick Howard
1999	Firefighter	Jay Olson

2000	Lieutenant	Mike Glenn
2001	Firefighter	Ed Grenfell
2002	Firefighter	Paul Corah
2003	Firefighter	Jon Thompson
2004	Firefighter	Mike Lehl
2005	Firefighter	Bob Walker
2006	Deputy Chief	Mark Schmidt
2007	Firefighter	John Hill
2008	Firefighter	Tony Snook
2009	Firefighter	Bob Lemon
2010	Deputy Chief	Glen Eisner
2011	Captain	Kyle Wochnick
2012	Lieutenant	Aimee Rooney
2013	Firefighter	Chris Fukai
2014	Firefighter	Adam Salvetti
2015	Captain	Joe Budge
2016	Lieutenant	Dave Keller
2017	Firefighter	Cody Trestrail
2018	Investigator	Fabian Jackson
2019	Firefighter	Lisa Knight
2020	Firefighter	Greg Rose
2021	Firefighter	Jason Stensgaard
2022	Firefighter	Audrey Tollefson
2023	Lieutenant	Sean Fogarty
2024	Firefighter	Anthony Braxton
2025	Firefighter	Travis Chipman
2026	Firefighter	Colin McGladrey

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