



Virginia Chapter
International Association of Arson Investigators
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Arson Award Program Rules

1. The Award will be considered only after the arrest of those responsible for the fire.
2. Nominators can be a fire chief, a police chief, a sheriff, prosecuting attorney, any law enforcement official, or insurance investigator.
3. The nominee may be any person whom the nominator feels was instrumental in the successful investigation and arrest of those responsible for the fire loss.
4. The identity of the nominee may be withheld by the nominator, if one or more of the following is true:
 - a. If, in the nominator's opinion, the informant will suffer direct physical harm or suffer from acts of retribution by the release and public knowledge of the informant's identity.
 - b. Or, if the release of the informant's identity will jeopardize a working relationship between the informant and the investigative agencies.
 - c. If the nominator selects to maintain the anonymity of the informant, then he must be willing to sign a written statement that either a. or b. above is the reason for the anonymity and that none of the rules of the award system, to his knowledge, have been violated.
 - d. If the nominator selects to maintain the anonymity of the informant, then the nominator should select a number and enter that number in the "nominee" portion on the front of the form.
5. Only information on fires involving property in the Commonwealth of Virginia will be considered for the award.
6. Those ineligible to receive the award are insurance industry employees, independent investigative agencies, police, fire and commonwealth attorney staff members and their families.
7. The Virginia Advisory Committee on Arson Prevention and/or The International Association of Arson Investigator – Virginia Chapter to pay an informant prior to an arrest, will make no promise. Nor does any agency in the state have the right to promise an informant that he or she will be paid. The program is voluntary and any law enforcement or fire official who feels the award will hinder the case in any way can simply choose not to participate.