

State and Province Award

Establishment of the Award

The award was established in 1974 by the NASAR Board of Directors to recognize significant contributions to search and rescue AT THE STATE LEVEL. In 1991, the Board of Directors expanded this award to include the Provinces of Canada. The award is granted solely on merit. It may be granted to an individual or to a "unit". It may be granted posthumously.

Basis for the Award

Any type of contribution to search and rescue, on a state/provincial basis, shall qualify an individual/unit as a nominee for the NASAR State/Canadian Province Award, providing the following criteria are met:

1. A contribution can be substantiated as having had a demonstrable consequence on search and rescue in the State/Province. Evidence must be included in the nomination substantiating or demonstrating such consequence.
2. The contribution must be shown to be independent of service to NASAR or to some other organization, although the contribution may have been rendered through such organization (i.e., the result of the contribution must have an end use beyond the organization).
3. Contribution clearly must be shown to have gone beyond the scope of a political entity smaller than the State/Province, or of an organization.
4. The contribution must be shown to have had a positive consequence on the "victims" or potential "victims" of search and rescue.
5. The contribution can be in the form of a single act or action, or of sustained effort over a period of time.
6. The outcome or results, rather than the process of the contribution must be described and substantiated.