The Allan Howard Award for Excellence

Overview

The Allan Howard Award for Excellence has been established to recognize individuals who have taken exemplary action to further IPMBA's mission. It is presented to IPMBA members who have been nominated by a colleague and selected by the awards committee. Honorees must be current IPMBA members and must be nominated by someone who is familiar with their contributions to public safety cycling. Self-nominations will not be accepted. Nominations may be for work within their own communities, on a regional level, nationally, or within IPMBA.

Allan Howard is a retired sergeant with the Dayton (Ohio) Police Department. Allan started his distinguished career in law enforcement in 1982 and retired in 2008. During his career, he held various assignments, including foot patrol, motorcycle patrol, Dayton Police Academy instructor, SWAT team member, patrol operations supervisor, Internal Affairs Bureau investigations supervisor, fleet manager, and founding member of the bicycle patrol and the Dayton Bike School. Prior to becoming a police officer, Allan served in the United States Marine Corps from 1977-1981 as a machine gunner.

From 1984 to 1997, Allan raced professionally as a United States Cycling Federation (USCF) and a National Off-Road Bicycle Association (NORBA) racer. He competed for DCC/Huffy, DCC/Huffy/Raleigh, Huffy/Hain Natural Foods and Chevrolet/LASD.

Allan is one of the founding members of IPMBA and was its first chair, serving from 1990 until 1997. He was a cocreator of the IPMBA Police Cyclist Course and a co-author of the *Complete Guide to Police Cycling*, the first manual for public safety cycling. Allen has authored numerous articles about bike patrol and training for *IPMBA News* and other publications. He is a highly respected instructor who has trained more than 3,000 bike officers and still makes guest appearances to assist with classroom and on-bike sessions.

Nominations

IPMBA is seeking nominations for public safety cyclists who have gone above and beyond in their support of public safety cycling.

To be eligible, a nominee must be a volunteer, part-time or career law enforcement, security officer, firefighter or emergency medical services provider who is or has been actively involved with department-based bicycle operations, including retired individuals. Nominees must also be current IPMBA members.

Please describe, in detail, initiatives and/or actions undertaken, developed, and/or performed by the nominee that demonstrate their outstanding dedication to public safety cycling during the past calendar year or over the course of their affiliation with IPMBA. Efforts may include, but are not limited to, creating or expanding bike operations within their agency and/or others, developing community outreach programs, working with local, state or national elected officials in support of bicycle-related legislative actions, participating with and providing support for IPMBA's projects, programs, and initiatives, etc.

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Application Process

- Download the Allan Howard Award for Excellence Nomination Form from the IPMBA website or email awards@ipmba.org to request one.
- Submit the application, along with a nomination letter of no more than one page and up to five supporting documents (articles, letters of commendation related to the nomination, letters of recommendation, etc.), as well as a photo (if possible) to awards@ipmba.org no later than 90 days prior to the first day of the IPMBA Conference. For guidance on how to write a strong nomination, visit http://ipmba.org/images/uploads/howtowriteacompellingnomination.pdf.
- The Awards Committee will review all applications and, at their discretion, select up to two awardees.
- Award recipients will be notified after the selections have been made, at least 45 days prior to the first day of the IPMBA Conference.
- The Allan Howard Award for Excellence will be presented during the IPMBA Conference. Awardees are encouraged to attend the IPMBA Conference to receive the award. The fee for a Workshop Only registration will be waived, but travel costs are the responsibility of the award recipients.

Allan Howard Award for Excellence Nomination Form

Nominee Information (Person being nominated) First Name: _____Last Name: _____ Rank: Email Address: _____ Personal Phone Number: _____ IPMBA Member or Instructor Number (if known): ______ Organization/Agency: Organization/Agency Street Address: City: _____ State/Prov: ____ Zip/Postal: ____ Country____ Organization/Agency Phone Number: Nominated By (You) First Name: Last Name: Email Address: _____ Personal Phone Number: _____ Organization/Agency: Organization/Agency Street Address: _____ City: _____ State/Prov: ____ Zip/Postal: ____ Country____ Organization/Agency Phone Number: _____

This nomination form must be accompanied by a nomination letter of no more than one page that explains why the nominee is deserving of this recognition. The letter should include detailed reasons, examples, data, and/or descriptions of the ways in which the nominee has excelled in the field of public safety cycling and in the furtherance of IPMBA's mission, which appears at the bottom of this page.

The letter may be accompanied by up to five supporting documents, such as articles, letters of commendation related to the nomination, testimonials, letters of recommendation, etc. If possible, please also include a photo of the nominee.

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