

SAFETY & HEALTH DEPARTMENT

PROCEDURES

LIFE SAVING AWARD CRITERIA

For many years, our Brotherhood has been extremely proud of the many members who have performed the most noble of all services – the saving of a human life. Many of our members have prepared themselves for such an emergency by taking first-aid and safety training courses.

The IBEW recognizes those that perform this honorable act with the IBEW Life Saving Award. Traditionally two types of awards have been given. A third category is now being recognized.

- 1. The IBEW Life Saving Award – Member.** This award will be presented to any member who, by direct personal involvement, saves the life of a fellow human being.
- 2. The IBEW Certificate of Recognition.** This award will be presented to a member who did not meet the criteria for the Life Saving Award (hands on activity that resulted in the saving of a life) but deserves special recognition for their presence of mind, prompt action and genuine concern for a fellow human being.
- 3. The IBEW Life Saving Award - Non – Member.** This award will be presented to recognize a non-IBEW member who, by direct personal involvement, saves the life of an IBEW member.
- 4. The IBEW Life Saving Award – Applicant.** An applicant is a person who is working under an IBEW collective bargaining agreement and is in the process of becoming an IBEW member. This award will be presented to recognize the applicant who, by direct personal involvement, saves the life of a fellow human being.

There is no formal application for an IBEW Life Saving Award. All nominations shall be submitted by the president or business manager of the candidate's local union, or in the case of the Non-Member Award, the local union of the member whose life was saved. A letter complying with the following items is the only requirement for the submission for an award.

- 1. Local Union Approval.** The nomination must be approved by the local union executive board. Once approved, the information along with a letter should be sent to the appropriate international vice president (IVP) for recommendation. The IVP will forward the information to the international office for processing.
- 2. Eligibility.** The eligibility of all candidates shall be determined by the international office after reviewing the information sent in by the local union.

All nominations must be made within three years from the date of the life-saving event.

3. Nominations. The following information must be included when the local union submits a nomination for a life-saving award:

- a) Full proper name of the candidate
- b) Date of nomination was approved by the executive board
- c) A narrative description of the accident, including:
 1. Details leading up to the accident
 2. Details of the accident
 3. Date of the accident
 4. An account of the rescue, including the actions each nominee performed to save a life. (This is important because newspaper accounts tend to differ and are often not entirely accurate)
 5. Name of the victim, or in the case of a member whose life was saved, the local union affiliation.
- d) Pictures, newspaper clippings, or other substantive materials, if available.
- e) If the injured person is a member of the IBEW, a Form 173, *Report of Occupational Injury or Illness* must be completed (located on the Safety & Health webpage of the IBEW website.)