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MPPOA's annual awards of "Officer of the Year" and "Legislators of the Year"

The Minnesota Police and Peace Officers Association proudly announces its 2024 "Officer of the Year," "Officer of the Year Honorable Mention," and "Legislators of the Year."

The nominations for MPPOA Officer of the Year are based on "heroics, outstanding service, or distinguished community involvement in service." Recipients were selected by the MPPOA Board of Directors from many nominations. The award is considered a high honor, as it is from the largest association representing public safety professionals in Minnesota. MPPOA represents Minnesota's more than 10,700 public safety officials who hold active law enforcement licenses in the state of Minnesota. Members include rank-and-file police officers, correctional officers, dispatchers, and firefighters.

MPPOA formally honored the award winners last Saturday, June 15 at its annual convention at Arrowwood Resort and Conference Center in Alexandria, Minnesota. This year the MPPOA celebrated its 102nd Annual Convention.

MPPOA'S Legal Defense Fund Administrator Stephen Foertsch was presented the Distinguished Service Award



This award (which surprised Stephen!) was given at the MPPOA's Award Banquet for Stephen's remarkable work with the LDF.

Stephen is the first call for officers involved in a critical incident. He has coordinated legal assistance and more since 2020.

Stephen, we want to express our gratitude for your valuable contribution to law enforcement. Your work is truly appreciated and has had a significant impact. Thank you for all that you do.

