

Ontario Professional Fire Fighters Association



# OPFFA AWARDS

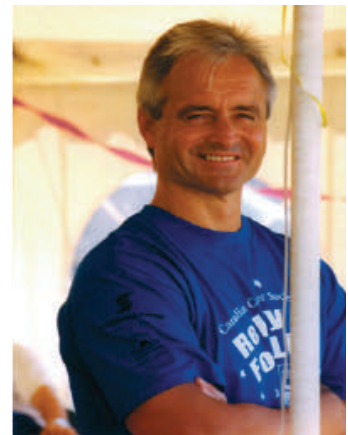
## *2009 Nomination Forms and Criteria*



*The Ed Hothersall Award*



*The Patrick J DeFazio Award*



*The Joe Adamkowski Award*

Each award shall consist of a large plaque bearing the names of recipients of the award, to be maintained at the OPFFA office. Additionally, a plaque bestowing this honour shall be presented to the recipient at the OPFFA Banquet at the 13th Annual Convention to be held on Tuesday, June 2, 2009 in Guelph Ontario.

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**Deadline for Submission: March 27, 2009**

## *The Ed Hothersall Award*

### **History**

This award is to be presented by the OPFFA in honour of Ed Hothersall who worked for the Association for many years. He was recognized in April of 1982, at that time serving for 30 years as an executive officer for the OPFFA. He was the Secretary for the OPFFA and also the Executive Secretary Treasurer when a reorganization of that job function took place.

Brother Hothersall had a stellar career on the London Fire Department. When he took on the job of Executive Secretary Treasurer of the OPFFA, he was legendary for his frugality as keeper of the finances for the Association.

He was instrumental in the formative years of the Association helping it grow into the progressive institution that it is today. He was a delegate to the first Labour Relations Seminar held by the OPFFA in October of 1958. He was involved in community initiatives and was known for his compassion in helping brother firefighters at anytime when they were in need of personal assistance. Brother Hothersall has been deceased for quite some time but his contribution to the OPFFA is still remembered by current and retired members.

### **Purpose**

The purpose of this Award is to recognize and encourage any active member, retired member or ex-member of an Association who has displayed a dedication for service to their association and the community.

The cornerstone of the award is the concept of dedication and service (such as regular attendance at local association meetings, participation in association events, active participation in their community and/or works at improvement of local society).

The goal of the award is to recognize, encourage, support and focus some attention to a member of an association, who may otherwise go unnoticed for her/his contributions of dedication and service.

### **Criteria**

Nominations for this award shall be limited to one member nominated per local association.

The Nominee shall be a member or former member from an Association who you believe best deserves recognition for their dedication or service to the Association or the OPFFA .

The Nomination form below and attached documentation outlining in a concise statement the reasons you believe your Nominee meets the enclosed criteria for the Award must be submitted by **4:30 pm on Friday March 27, 2009**.

The Ed Hothersall Award shall be presented:

- ◆ To a member selected by the OPFFA Executive Committee from those nominations received by the OPFFA office by the above prescribed deadline date.
- ◆ The recipient shall receive their Award at the OPFFA Convention Banquet. If the recipient is unable to attend the OPFFA Convention Banquet to receive their Award, the President will announce the recipient's name to all present outlining their dedication for service to their association and the community.
- ◆ If unable to attend, the recipient shall receive their Award at the next OPFFA function that the member is able to attend.
- ◆ Reasonable expenses for travel and accommodations will be paid for by the OPFFA.

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### **Nomination Form**

The individual who is being nominated for the Ed Hothersall Award is:

Nominee: \_\_\_\_\_ Local: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Nominated by: \_\_\_\_\_ Local: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Forward to: OPFFA—Ed Hothersall Award  
292 Plains Road East, Burlington, ON L7T 2C6

or Fax: (905) 681-1489  
Email: jchambers@opffa.org

## *The Patrick J. DeFazio Award*

### **History**

This Award is to be presented by the OPFFA in honour of Patrick J. DeFazio. Patrick DeFazio served for many years as the Chair of the OPFFA Occupational Health and Safety Committee.

Patrick was a leader in the Province in the area of Health and Safety for fire fighters. As a representative of the OPFFA on the Provincial Section 11 Committee (presently Section 21) he was instrumental in establishing the Canadian General Standard for Fire Fighter Bunker Clothing.

His knowledge of fire fighter Health and Safety issues and his sincere concerns for the safety of fire fighters is the subject of this award.

### **Purpose**

The purpose of this Award is to recognize, encourage and show appreciation to any active member, retired member or ex-member of an Association who has worked diligently and contributed in the area of improving fire fighter health and safety.

The cornerstone of this award is where an individual has shown leadership in the area of fire fighter health and safety and encouraged safe practices to other members.

This individual has contributed in the area of health and safety in your Fire Department and/or on the Provincial level and has shown a dedication and commitment to their local and OPFFA Health and Safety Committees' and their issues.

As well this individual has been supportive in the areas of pro-active physical fitness, technological improvements in equipment, involvement in committees where their mandate is to improve the general health and safety of fire fighters.

### **Criteria**

Nominations for this award shall be limited to one member nominated per local association per annum.

The Nominee shall be a member or former member from an Association who you believe best deserves recognition for their dedication or service to the Association or the OPFFA .

The Nomination form below and attached documentation outlining in a concise statement the reasons you believe your Nominee meets the enclosed criteria for the Award must be submitted by **4:30pm on Friday March 27, 2009**.

The Patrick J. DeFazio Award shall be presented:

- ◆ To a member selected by the OPFFA Executive Committee from those nominations received by the OPFFA office by the above prescribed deadline date.
- ◆ The recipient shall receive their Award at the OPFFA Convention Banquet. If the recipient is unable to attend the OPFFA Convention Banquet to receive their Award, the President will announce the recipient's name to all present outlining their dedication for service to their association and the community.
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Nominee: \_\_\_\_\_ Local: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Nominated by: \_\_\_\_\_ Local: \_\_\_\_\_

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# *The Joe Adamkowski Award*

## **History**

This Award is to be presented by the OPFFA in honour of Joe Adamkowski former OPFFA 7<sup>th</sup> District Vice President.

Brother Adamkowski was a Thunder Bay fire fighter for over 23 years. Joe personified union leadership by representing his local for over 20 years and the OPFFA for over 5 years. Joe was known for his wide ranging knowledge of matters affecting professional fire fighters. His passion to represent professional fire fighters and his dedication to our union as a whole was unparalleled.

Joe was astute at political action and a vehement fighter at the bargaining table, in the grievance arena, the Board room, and the convention floor. But his most valiant fight was his battle against cancer. Brother Adamkowski lost this battle on May 14, 2006.

## **Purpose**

The purpose of this Award is to recognize, encourage and show appreciation to any active, retired or ex-member of a local Association who has demonstrated selfless dedication and diligence within their own Local, the OPFFA, or the IAFF.

The individual will have shown a high level of commitment to leadership on labour based issues on behalf of their fellow members and significantly contributed to the improvement and/or maintenance of labour related issues within their own Local, the OPFFA or the IAFF

They may have shown dauntless determination in their attempt to bring a corporation to terms while negotiating; or in a significant grievance situation. They may have contributed in the areas of Political Action, Public Information and/or Public Awareness.

## **Criteria**

Nominations for this award shall be limited to one member nominated per local association.

The Nominee shall be a member or former member from an Association who you believe best deserves recognition for their dedication or service to the Association or the OPFFA .

The Nomination form below and attached documentation outlining in a concise statement the reasons you believe your Nominee meets the enclosed criteria for the Award must be submitted by **4:30 pm on Friday March 27, 2009**.

The Joe Adamkowski Award shall be presented:

- ◆ To a member selected by the OPFFA Executive Committee from those nominations received by the OPFFA office by the above prescribed deadline date.
  - ◆ The recipient shall receive their Award at the OPFFA Convention Banquet. If the recipient is unable to attend the OPFFA Convention Banquet to receive their Award, the President will announce the recipient's name to all present outlining their dedication for service to their Local and/or the OPFFA or IAFF.
  - ◆ If unable to attend, the recipient shall receive their Award at the next OPFFA function that the member is able to attend.
  - ◆ Reasonable expenses for travel and accommodations will be paid for by the OPFFA.
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