



DEFENCE POLICE FEDERATION

2026 ANNUAL AWARDS

Recognising Excellence & Achievement

Criteria For Individual Awards

Actions from 1 March 2025 to 1 March 2026 eligible

Bravery Award

This award is to recognise an officer or group of officers who have run towards dangerous situations without a thought for their own safety. This can be either on or off duty.

Examples of bravery include but are not limited to: officers running into burning buildings, disarming / arresting violent offenders, catching and stopping armed criminals, stepping in front of violent offenders.

Investigation Of The Year

This award is to recognise officers who have been committed to bringing a criminal to justice.

Nominees would have tackled a difficult and complex investigation, bringing it to a successful conclusion. An investigation which led to an arrest which would not have been possible without the diligence of the officers when investigating the offence.

Excellence Award

Recognising an officer or group of officers who have done something outstanding within their daily role, which need not necessarily be bravery related.

Examples of excellence include but are not limited to administering vital first aid to victims, assisting a vulnerable person who is attempting suicide, innovation in the workplace, marine unit officers who have saved a life.

Lifetime Achievement Award

This award is to recognise one officer who has been dedicated to the MDP throughout their service.

This is usually an officer long in service or who is due to retire soon, or who has retired within the eligible timescale. One who has mentored, been inspirational. Many examples and anecdotes needed as part of nomination.

Inspiration Award

This award is to recognise the work of an officer or group of officers who have been inspirational either on or off duty.

This could be overcoming serious injury or illness and coming back to work, taking part in walks, runs, sporting events etc to fundraise lots of money for good causes, giving up time to help with local charities/football teams/youth centres.

Email your nominations by 1 May 2026 to:
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