

**CALL FOR NOMINATIONS
HIGGINS & LANGLEY MEMORIAL AWARDS
IN SWIFTWATER RESCUE**

The Higgins & Langley Memorial and Education Fund, working in conjunction with the Swiftwater Rescue Committee of the National Association for Search and Rescue (NASAR), is seeking nominations for the **2012 Higgins & Langley Memorial Awards for Outstanding Achievement in the Field of Swiftwater Rescue**, the highest international honors presented for flood and swiftwater rescue.

In addition to individual achievements and swiftwater-flood rescue team efforts, those who have dedicated years of service to developing and implementing swiftwater-flood rescue training programs, as well as public safety media-education efforts, will be considered for nomination. Nominations for the 2012 flood and swiftwater *incident* awards may include technically challenging rescue incidents that were performed between January 1, 2011 and February 1, 2012.

The awards honor civilian rescuer, Earl Higgins, who lost his life in February of 1980 while attempting to save a child being swept away in the flood-swollen Los Angeles River, and firefighter/paramedic Jeffrey Langley of the Los Angeles County Fire Department, who lost his life in a helicopter accident in March of 1993.

The awards will be presented during the annual conference of the **National Association for Search and Rescue** on June 9, 2012, in Lake Tahoe, NV.

The DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSIONS is February 10, 2012.

All nominations must be received no later than February 10, 2012. Read and follow the nomination form instructions with care to avoid having nominations disqualified for a failure to submit all required information and forms, including support documentation.

There are several award categories, not all of which recognize noteworthy technical swiftwater/flood rescues. Some categories recognize significant achievement in the development of swiftwater/flood rescue training programs, flood disaster preparedness and response, flood and swiftwater safety education programs, etc. Select from the following award categories:

The Higgins & Langley Memorial Award for Outstanding Achievement in the Field of Swiftwater Rescue

The Higgins & Langley Memorial Award is the premier internationally recognized Award for excellence in Swiftwater Rescue. It recognizes an intense dedication to the field and a genuine desire to benefit the larger community. Only one Higgins & Langley Memorial award is awarded in any calendar year.

Lifetime Achievement Award

The Lifetime Achievement Award is reserved for those few individuals who make a significant and lasting impact in the field of swiftwater rescue. Consequently, lifetime achievement awards are awarded only occasionally. Support documentation is vital in this category.

Program Development Award

The Program Development Award recognizes agencies that make a significant commitment to swiftwater rescue programs in their area. This award profiles the education, training and resources to develop a successful swiftwater rescue program.

Incident Award

Occasionally, a specific Incident is recognized that clearly demonstrates outstanding skill and preparedness, as well as outstanding teamwork in swiftwater rescue.

Special Commendation Award

The Special Commendation Award recognizes the breadth of possible contribution in the field of swiftwater rescue. Awards of this type can be for media contribution, strategic planning, and individual heroism and contributions to this technical rescue discipline that are noteworthy.

For more information and to submit a nomination online:

<http://higginsandlangley.org>

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