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MEDIA ADVISORY

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS 2012 -2013 PUBLIC SAFETY OFFICER MEDAL OF VALOR

WASHINGTON - The Department of Justice's Office of Justice Programs is accepting nominations beginning today for the Public Safety Officer Medal of Valor, the highest national award for valor by a public safety officer. The medal is awarded by the President to public safety officers cited by the Attorney General who have exhibited exceptional courage in protecting and saving lives.

WHAT: The 2012–2013 Public Safety Officer Medal of Valor nomination period opens May 31, 2013.

Online Form at <https://www.bja.gov/programs/medalofvalor/>

NOMINATION

PERIOD: May 31, 2013 to July 31, 2013

CRITERIA: Acts of Valor performed from June 1, 2012 to May 31, 2013 by public safety officers nominated by the chief executive of their employing agencies.

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