

Article 2.

Medal of Valor Award.

§ 140A-15. Medal of Valor Award.

The Governor and Lieutenant Governor may each award the "Medal of Valor Award" to a first responder upon recommendation from the highest-ranking official or member of a first responder unit. The Governor and Lieutenant Governor may each award no more than two Medal of Valor Awards to first responders each calendar year, except that, if the Governor or Lieutenant Governor finds there are special circumstances, each may award a third. The Governor and Lieutenant Governor may also annually each award one Medal of Valor Award to one first responder unit. A Medal of Valor Award shall be for a first responder or first responder unit that has performed great acts of heroism while under threat of personal risk to safety, beyond the call of duty in the field. For the purposes of this section, a "first responder" includes any firefighter, paramedic, law enforcement officer, emergency medical services personnel, or rescue squad member. The websites for the offices of Governor and Lieutenant Governor shall include information about the Medal of Valor Award and a form for submitting a nomination for the award. (2025-25, s. 19(f),(g).)