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DAVID J. FLOYD AWARD OF VALOR

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DAVID J. FLOYD AWARD OF VALOR #201

The David J. Floyd Award of Valor was established in 1982 as the Fighter of the Year. It is given to a deserving member of the IABPFF. The Award will be presented at our Biennial Convention.

Each organization is to submit the name of their candidate(s), along with a definitive descriptive report of the heroic act to its Regional Director. The director will make provisions to select two (2) nominees from the number received. Each of the directors will forward the two (2) nominees selected from his region to the International President, who will pick a panel of three (3) or more persons to select one (1) winner. In case of a tie, provisions will be made at that time to break the tie.

Rules

1. The two nominees submitted by each Regional Director must be in the hands of the International President by June 1st of the convention year.
2. Acceptance of nominees for the Firefighter of the Year Award will begin the day following the last day of the convention in session.
3. No nominees will be accepted by the International President after June 1st of the convention year.
4. Any individual's name submitted must have been a member of the IABPFF for three (3) months prior to June 30th of the convention year.

Criteria: (candidates must meet the following established criteria)

The David J. Floyd Award nominees must have performed an outstanding act of valor such as: an act of rescue or attempted rescue or other related incidents under conditions of extreme personal risk, performing above and beyond the call of duty.

The above criteria will be utilized until any new changes are recommended at future conventions.



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DAVID JAMES FLOYD AWARD OF VALOR

Founding President, IABPFF

The founding President of the International Association of Black Professional Fire Fighters (IABPFF) was elected in 1970 and served until 1980. Dave served as President of his local organization, The Vulcan Society, Inc., of New York City, during 1971-72 and again from 1982-86. The aspirations and frustrations of Minority Fire Fighters were not new to him. In 1971, under his leadership, The Vulcan Society, Inc. filed a lawsuit against the New York City Fire Department's entrance examination and won.

Dave was born in New York City on October 17, 1937. He attended the public school system and had one year of college. He entered the New York City Fire Department in 1960. He was promoted to the rank of Lieutenant in 1971, and Captain in 1987. Dave's preference in the Fire Department was rescue work, so after gaining experience in a busy ladder company, he was transferred to Rescue Company #2, in 1965. Thus, Dave became the first black firefighter in the history of the New York City Fire Department to be assigned to this elite unit.

Dave was detailed to the Bureau of Training for 6 months. During which time he was involved in training over 1000 firefighters. He was later assigned to Assistant Director of Central Brooklyn Model Cities, Fire Prevention and Education Trainees, by Robert O. Lowery, Fire Commissioner. As a former member of the National Professional Board, he helped to develop NFPA Standard #1001 "*Fire Fighters Professional Qualifications*". He was also a former member of the Advisory Committee on Fire Training and Education at the National Fire Academy, and a member of the Joint Council of National Fire Service Organization.

In the book entitled "*20,000 Alarms*" written by Lieutenant Richard Hamilton, at the time the most decorated fireman in New York's history, devoted a chapter to Dave, whom he worked with in Recue Company #2. The chapter was entitled, "*Black Wasn't Always Beautiful*".

During his tenure as President of the IABPFF, it grew from the five founding organizations to over forty by the time he stepped down in 1980. Dave has received numerous awards and plaques from various IABPFF affiliates, for his dedication and struggle for blacks in the fire service. The IABPFF has named its award for valor after him, and the Houston Black Fire Fighters Association has done the same.

