



## Public Safety Foundation of America

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### **PSFA Fellows Program**

The Public Safety Foundation of America (PSFA) is a 501(c)(3) charitable organization, established in January 2002 by the Association of Public-Safety Communications Officials International (APCO). Its primary mission is to engender cooperation among public and private groups in order to provide financial and technical support to the public safety communications community.

The PSFA functions as a national, communications technology research and development organization to support and study technology issues that impact public safety by identifying technology and management best practices, and serving as a resource to government officials on a variety of communications technology topics.

The PSFA's activities center on networks of individuals who come together around targeted issues and common areas of interest. By harnessing the expertise of individuals representing local governments, corporate partners and associations, the PSFA is able to share this knowledge and insight with government officials through conferences, seminars, online programs, and the publication of articles, guidebooks, and white papers.

One such network is the PSFA Fellows Program, designed to recognize individuals for their leadership in research activities and service to local government, while providing planners and managers with a resource on emerging technology issues.

## Who Is A PSFA Fellow?

- A PSFA Fellow is an individual recognized by the PSFA as having played a major, positive role in furthering the use of technology for public safety and the public good.
  - A PSFA Fellow is an individual currently serving, or who has served, in the public sector; in local, state or federal government.
  - A PSFA Fellow is an individual with a demonstrated track record of championing technology innovation for public safety.
  - A PSFA Fellow is an individual willing to share his or her insights with the public safety community through the framework of the PSFA Fellows program. This includes agreeing to:
    - Contribute to PSFA white papers, and articles,
    - Speak at PSFA and APCO International conferences and seminars,
    - Serve as a mentor to government officials and public safety professionals,
    - Serve on special program teams or project and network groups.
- \* Fellows may also be expected to submit peer-reviewed writings on public safety communications issues to publications recognized by the Foundation as highly regarded journals in the field.

## What does it mean to be a PSFA Fellow?

- Recognition by PSFA as a thought-leader and mentor.
- The ability to participate in PSFA programs and to be recognized on the PSFA website.
- The opportunity to serve local government and the public, whether currently in public service or out.
- Wear a distinctive PSFA Fellows pin at special functions where appropriate.

## What is the Nominating Process?

- All Fellow nominations are made to the PSFA President.
- The nominations are submitted to representatives of the PSFA Board of Directors for approval.
- Nominations must be submitted no later than **February 1**.
- After voting takes place, nominees are notified by the President.
- Formal announcement of the new class of Fellows will be made at the annual Public Safety Communications Leadership in Policy Dinner.
- An announcement of nominated fellows will be made on Fellows section of the PSFA website after the event.
- Each annual class of Fellows will include between 3 and 5 inductees.

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