



# KENTUCKY TACTICAL OFFICERS ASSOCIATION

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1. The K.T.O.A. awards are for incidents occurring between September 01, 2025 and September 1, 2026. Nominations for each award submitted to the K.T.O.A. must comply with the following criteria:
  - a. Nominees **do not** have to be active members of the K.T.O.A.
  - b. Nominations must include the nominee's name, organization, and reasons for nomination.
  - c. The narrative must include accurate information on jurisdiction, agencies, and the dates on which the officer(s) performed the actions making him or her deserving of the award.
  - d. **Incident in question has been adjudicated with no pending claim or litigation.**
2. Nomination Instructions:
  - a. Choose the award title for which you are nominating
  - b. Read the award criteria
  - c. Complete the award nomination form
  - d. Submit application
3. Nominations must be submitted by **Friday, September 1, 2026**. Awards will be presented at the banquet during Annual Training Conference on Wednesday, August 26, 2026 at The Crowne Plaza Hotel in Louisville KY.
4. An awards committee selected by the K.T.O.A. Board of Directors will make the final decisions.
5. For more information, contact Michael Cheeseman at (502) 565-7164 or Michael Cheeseman@louisvilleky.gov
6. Application can be e-mailed or mailed to Michael Cheeseman at above listed address or e-mail

## Please choose one (1) award from the following choices:

### K.T.O.A. UNIT CITATION FOR VALOR

This award is presented to a tactical unit whose members distinguished themselves through valorous actions during a tactical operation. The unit clearly acted without regard for the safety of their own lives in order to neutralize a suspect, thus protecting fellow officers and/or innocent victims and bystanders.

### K.T.O.A. AWARD OF VALOR

This prestigious award is presented to the person, persons, or team who distinguish oneself or themselves through valorous actions during a life threatening action.

**Nominee Name or Team** \_\_\_\_\_

**Nominee E-mail:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Nominee Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Supporting Documentation:**

Please include the documentation of the event, letters of recommendation, incident reports, etc.  
Multiple files can be attached to your application for review by the awards committee.

**Nominated by:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Using the space provided, why does this person(s) deserve this award?**