



CALIFORNIA TRAINING OFFICERS

NOMINATION FORM

The Brunacini Award

Outstanding Fire Professional of the Year

The Brunacini Award - Background

When Chief Brunacini passed unexpectedly in 2017, the Training Officers' Executive Board Members unanimously voted to establish an annual award to honor his enormous impact on the American Fire Service. Each year during the California Training Officers' Training Symposium, a fire service professional is presented with **The Brunacini Award** in recognition of their innovative spirit and dedication to educating the next generation of fire service leaders. As a fire service leader themselves, the recipient displays a positive impact on those within their organization through quality training, excellence in citizen customer service, and is dedicated to mentoring others to reach their true potential.

Honoring Alan Brunacini's Memory (1937-2017)



Chief Alan Brunacini referred to by many as "America's Fire Chief" began his career with the Phoenix Fire Department in 1958 at the age of 21. Chief Brunacini served in every sworn position and was promoted to Fire Chief in 1978 where he served until his retirement in 2006. Throughout his career Chief Brunacini followed a simple leadership creed, "**Prevent harm. Survive. Be Nice**". This creed not only reverberated within the fire service and inspired Fire Departments across the nation to adopt his

customer-service philosophy, when his 1996 book, "*Essentials of Fire Department Customer Service*," was featured in The Wall Street Journal, leaders and employers from all different types of industries heeded his straightforward advice. His sweet brand of leadership and unique style of humor and candor proved infectious making him a favorite at fire-service conferences and symposiums.

Known by many as Chief Bruno, he was well-known throughout the country for his many contributions, including several books, his command & control training, and his philosophy on customer service. Chief Bruno was a selfless servant who espoused that we are here to serve Mrs. Smith and whatever problems or issues she may have encountered. Treat Mrs. Smith with respect, show compassion and above all "**BE NICE!**"



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AWARD NOMINATION PROCESS

Any member of the California fire service may nominate a fire service professional for this year's **Brunacini Award** by following the process outlined below:

- Nomination must be submitted using the attached official Nomination Form
- Submissions may be made by any member of the California fire service, however the nomination **MUST** be verified and submitted via a California fire agency training officer, as outlined in the official Nomination Form
- Submission must include a detailed description of a specific event(s) that occurred within the nomination year that supports the nomination
- The training officer submitting the nomination must validate the information provided, including verification of criteria supporting the nomination
- Additional comments from the training officer are welcome and encouraged
- All nominations **must** be submitted via email with the subject line "Brunacini Award Nomination" to:
cato@calchiefs.org
- Nominations must be received by **March 1st** of each year.
- The selected award recipient and Training Officer will be invited to attend the awards ceremony and luncheon during the Annual Training Symposium.
- This award includes a full ride scholarship to next year's symposium, including registration and lodging.



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The following information must be completed in its entirety in order to provide adequate information to the Award Review Committee. Please include detailed information regarding the nominee's contributions to the fire service over the preceding year or during their career as a whole.

Nominee:	Agency:
Nominee Email Address:	Nominee Phone Number:
Nominated by:	Agency:
Proposers Email Address:	Proposers Phone Number:
Reason for Nomination (please attach additional sheets and/or supporting documentation as needed):	

Please forward to your agency training officer to complete the submittal information below.

Nominee Verification

Dear Chief Officer and/or Training Officer:

Please review the above nomination submission, as well as any supporting documentation, and complete the verification below. Please feel free to submit additional information or comments in support of the nomination.

The information provided in the nomination is verified to be factual: YES NO

Chief Officer and/or Training Officer Name and Rank:	
Agency Name:	Agency Web Address:
Email Address:	Phone Number:

Signature: _____ Date: _____