

# TJA AWARD NOMINATIONS

The Texas Jail Association is accepting nominations for Detention Officer of the Year (Professional Service and Valor), the Hall of Fame, and the Jerry Baggs Leadership Award. The purpose of these awards is to recognize exceptional service provided by an individual in the field of county jail operations. How often have you been told that you're doing a good job? Positive reinforcement and recognition of a job well done encourages staff to continue this exemplary behavior. TJA encourages you to evaluate your agency and find the individual that is excelling and is deserving of recognition. Whether it is a peer, a subordinate, or a supervisor, there is someone who has positively impacted your agency. Their level of professionalism, esprit de corps, dedication, loyalty and/or actions has made a difference in the field of county corrections. Now is the time for you to recognize them.

The nomination process is simple. Please complete the nomination form and submit to the Awards Committee by **March 10, 2017**. A person does not have to be a member of TJA; however they must be eligible for membership. These awards will be presented at the 31<sup>st</sup> Annual TJA Conference, May 15-19, 2017, in Austin, Texas. Recipients will receive complimentary conference registration and hotel accommodations at the Annual Training Conference. The recipients will also be presented with a commemorative plaque and will be recognized in the TJA newsletter. Any nomination must have the written endorsement of the agency head.

*Nominations will be accepted for the following awards:*

- A. Professional Service**
- B. Valor**
- C. Hall of Fame**
- D. Jerry Baggs Leadership**

Please complete and return the nomination form below to the Awards Committee by **March 10, 2017**. Please describe in specific detail how this nominee meets the criteria for the award. Attach additional pages if needed. Also attach supporting documentation such as offense reports, sworn statements, newspaper accounts, and letters of recommendation.

## CRITERIA FOR NOMINATION

- A. Detention Officer of the Year - Professional Service** – This award is given to an individual working in county corrections who has demonstrated a commitment to professional service at his/her agency by making outstanding contributions to county corrections that exceed basic ability and expected performance.
- B. Detention Officer of the Year - Valor** – This award is given to an individual working in county corrections who demonstrated courage or valor in the face of danger while in the performance of his/her official duties.
- C. Hall of Fame Award** – This award is a tribute to the service of an individual career of outstanding contributions to county corrections and the criminal justice system. The recipient of this award has demonstrated a dedication to the advancement of the field of county corrections.
- D. Jerry Baggs Leadership Award** – This award is presented to an individual employed in the field of county corrections who has demonstrated outstanding leadership in and appreciation of the field of county corrections. He or she has exhibited a sincere commitment to the professional advancement of county corrections personnel.

Person Nominated: \_\_\_\_\_  
Department/Agency: \_\_\_\_\_  
Position or Title: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone Numbers: \_\_\_\_\_  
  
Nominated by: \_\_\_\_\_  
Position or Title: \_\_\_\_\_  
Endorsement by Agency Head: \_\_\_\_\_

*Return this form and any supporting documents by **March 10, 2017**:*

TEXAS JAIL ASSOCIATION  
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