Nominee Name:	
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2013 DHS RICK RESCORLA NATIONAL AWARD FOR RESILIENCE

Nomination Form and Guidance

Please download, save and then complete the following nomination form to be considered for the 2013 Rick Rescorla National Award for Resilience. To help facilitate consistency in the nomination and selection process, keep in mind the points below when preparing your submission:

To be eligible for the award, the nominee must be an individual, residing legally in the United States or its territories, who is not an employee of a governmental entity – including federal, state, local, tribal or territorial governments. Volunteer first responders are eligible. This includes firefighters, emergency medical providers, and law enforcement personnel who serve on a volunteer basis. Eligible nominees may also be organizations, other than governmental entities, based in the United States or its territories. This would include, for example, both for-profit and not-for-profit organizations.

Nominees should be aware of and agree to the submission of nominations on their behalf by third parties. Only one nomination package should be submitted for each nominee. Nominations should focus on describing in detail how the activities and accomplishments of the nominee further the resilience goals set forth in the award criteria below. The accomplishments, initiatives, and program activity to be considered for this award must have occurred during calendar years 2012. These accomplishments could have had their origins in earlier years, but it is only activities occurring in 2012 or policies operative in 2012 that will be judged.

The criteria for the Rescorla award emphasize leadership and achievement in one or more of the following areas:

Outstanding performance during 2012 in withstanding, adapting, and rapidly recovering from natural or human caused incidents that impact lives or property

- Demonstrable success in saving lives, protecting property and the environment, or meeting basic human needs because of outstanding prior preparation and/or extraordinary efforts during or after incidents
- Outstanding leadership in assisting individuals, families, organizations and/or communities in response or recovery from natural or human caused incidents

Outstanding performance during 2012 in developing resilience in anticipation of future incidents threatening life or property

- Motivating and assisting individuals (including those with special needs), families, organizations, and/or communities to take steps that effectively achieve resilience, for example, developing personal and community preparedness plans and organizing communities so as to promote the rapid recovery of essential services

- Implementing regular training and exercises that test the resilience of individuals, families, organizations and/or communities
- Implementing private sector preparedness, for example, developing plans for business continuity and the adoption of cyber security consensus standards and industry best practices to the fullest extent possible
- Exceeding existing building and other codes in the design and construction of infrastructure, including homes, office buildings, and highway bridges and tunnels

The narrative and supporting information provided in nominations to DHS in connection with the Rick Rescorla National Award for Resilience may be used by DHS to educate and inform the public on the importance of resilience to our Nation and may be used to illustrate excellence in the area of resilience. For example, the name and accomplishments of the nominee may be featured on the DHS web site.

Supplemental materials are welcome but not required. The nomination may include up to three supplemental enclosures in addition to the nomination form itself. For example, letters of commendation or support from local citizens, public safety officials, or governmental officials could be appropriate. Other materials supporting the nominee might include media coverage or other forms of public recognition.

Nominees should keep the narrative of their accomplishments brief. No more than four pages will be accepted, using Times New Roman Font-size 11, or an equivalent. While the narrative section in the form may appear to be only half a page long, the form will automatically expand to accommodate the full length of your narrative. Please be as concise as possible.

The total size of the email containing the nomination and other enclosures cannot exceed 10 MB. Short videos should be sent as compressed files or links. Please keep in mind that the awards inbox has a limited amount of total space. Large enclosures may not pass through to the mail box.

To ensure consistency in assessing each nomination, when completing the narrative portion of the award nomination form, please use the following outline for all activities, initiatives, and/or events:

- Summary of nominee's notable activities
- Role of the nominee vis-à-vis other participants in activities related to this nomination
- Goals, impact, local significance, and relevance to resilience

Once the nomination is complete, please send it and any supplemental enclosures to Rescorlaaward@hq.dhs.gov. With all e-mails, please ensure that "Rick Rescorla National Award for Resilience" is noted in the subject line. A notice of receipt will be e-mailed to nominees once DHS receives the submission. Please let us know if you encounter any problems with submitting your nomination form.

In order to be eligible, all nomination forms and supporting materials must be submitted to DHS beginning 12:00 a.m. EDT on April 1, 2013 and no later than 11:59 p.m. EDT on June 30, 2013. Any updates on the Rick Rescorla National Award for Resilience will be posted at www.dhs.gov/rick-rescorla-national-award-resilience.

Questions on the award may be sent to bradley.garner@hq.dhs.gov.

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2013 RICK RESCORLA NATIONAL RESILIENCE AWARD NOMINATION FORM

Nominee Name:	
Street Address:	
State:	
ZIP/Postal Code:	
E-mail:	
Phone:	
Alternate Phone:	

If Nominator is other than the Nominee, please complete the following:

Nominator Name:	
Street Address:	
State:	
ZIP/Postal Code:	
E-mail:	
Phone:	
Alternate Phone:	

Nominee Name:	
Nominee E-mail:	

Please write your narrative in the following space:

Nominee Name:	
Nominee E-mail:	

Below, please list the file names (with extensions) and a brief description of all additional enclosures submitted with your 2013 Rick Rescorla National Award for Resilience nomination.

File Name 1:	
Description 1:	

File Name 2:	
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File Name 3:	
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