**Pennsylvania Prison Chaplains Association (PPCA)**

**Correctional Chaplain of the Year Award**

**OVERVIEW**:

It is the goal of the PPCA that every year one county AND one state correctional chaplain are selected to receive the Pennsylvania Prison Chaplains Association (PPCA) Correctional Chaplain of the Year Award. Recipients of the award will be honored in conjunction with the PPCA 2022 Conference.

**QUALIFICATIONS:**

Nominees for PPCA Correctional Chaplain of the Year Award must:

1. Be a current member or associate member of the PPCA;
2. Be a current or recently retired volunteer, part-time, contract, or full-time chaplain in a county or state institution in the Commonwealth of PA
3. Have demonstrated the highest level of professionalism, integrity and compassion for both offenders and staff in their service as a chaplain;
4. Not have been the recipient of any major disciplinary action for at least the past five (5) years;
5. Not be a current member of the PPCA Executive Committee.

**WHO CAN NOMINATE A CHAPLAIN**:

1. A chaplain’s supervisor, peer, or a prison administrator.

**HOW TO MAKE A NOMINATION:**

1. Complete this nomination form

2. (Optional) Include any other documentation that would support this nomination

3. Send the complete nomination form and any supporting documentation to Imam Mehmet Arvas by the ***deadline of May 31, 2024*** by email (preferred) or mail to:

[jcaudle@pa.gov](mailto:jcaudle@pa.gov) or SCI-Muncy Chapel, 6454 SR 405 Hwy, PO Box 180, Muncy PA 17756

**SELECTION PROCESS**:

The PCCA Executive Committee will select one county AND one state correctional chaplain each year based on verification of the qualifications of each candidate and the impact the chaplain has made based on the descriptions received. Nominees will be considered from nominations received in the current year and the two immediately preceding years. Awardees will be notified by the PPCA Executive Committee in advance of the event.

**Questions?** Chaplain John Caudle at (570) 546-3171 extension 278 (work) or [jcaudle@pa.gov](mailto:jcaudle@pa.gov).

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