

## **Sec. 2-1. City of Dover Medal (CDM).**

- (a) *Established; degrees.* In order to properly recognize individual acts of valor, exemplary conduct or exceptionally meritorious service, the City of Dover Medal (CDM) is hereby established in three degrees, as follows:
  - (1) Gold (first degree).
  - (2) Silver (second degree).
  - (3) Bronze (third degree).
- (b) *Description.* The medal shall be round and approximately two inches in diameter, suspended on a neck ribbon of city green and white. The obverse shall bear the great seal of the city and the reverse shall be plain and bear the name of the recipient and the date of the award.
- (c) *Criteria.*
  - (1) *Gold.* The award of the gold CDM shall be limited to the following acts:
    - a. Loss of life while saving or attempting to save the life of another person.
    - b. Saving or attempting to save the life of another person under circumstances which caused personal injury and/or clearly placed the life of the recipient at great risk of bodily harm.
  - (2) *Silver.* The award of the silver CDM shall be limited to the following acts:
    - a. Loss of life, other than by natural causes, while performing official duties for the city.
    - b. Saving or attempting to save the life of another person under circumstances not eligible for award of a gold CDM.
    - c. Exemplary conduct beneficial to the city and the community thereof.
  - (3) *Bronze.* The award of the bronze CDM shall be limited to the following acts:
    - a. Any act listed under subsections (c)(2)b. and c. above under circumstances not considered eligible for award of a silver CDM.
    - b. Exceptionally meritorious service to the city and the community thereof.
  - (4) *Evaluation.* Professionally educated, trained and certified medical personnel recommended for award of a CDM under subsections (c)(2)b. and (c)(3)a. above will be evaluated on a basis of the level of education or training and the specifics of the act warranting the recommendation.
  - (5) *Posthumous award.* Posthumous award of the CDM under subsections (c)(2)b. and c., and (c)(3) above are authorized.
  - (6) *Eligibility.* Any person is eligible to receive the CDM. Under special and unique circumstances, the appropriate CDM may be awarded to an animal.
  - (7) *Subsequent awards.* Subsequent awards are authorized for additional qualifying acts.

- (d) *Award presented by mayor; accompanied devices and resolution.* The CDM shall be presented by the mayor on behalf of the city at a meeting of the city council. There shall be a distinguishing lapel device and, in the award to a uniformed law enforcement officer or firefighter, a suitable uniform distinguishing device shall also accompany the CDM. All awards of the CDM shall be accompanied by a city council resolution containing the specific act or acts warranting the award.
- (e) *Roll of honor.* There shall be displayed in the reception room, outside council chambers, a roll of honor listing the names and dates of award of all gold CDM recipients.
- (f) *Awards committee.* The awards committee shall consist of three members, to be appointed by the mayor upon receipt of a nomination for a CDM and shall serve for deliberation of the nomination for which they were appointed. The mayor shall designate a member to serve as chairperson, who shall be responsible for organizing and calling the meetings of the awards committee. The awards committee shall make recommendations to the city council for awards of the CDM. No city employee, retired employee, volunteer firefighter, or appointed or elected official shall be eligible to serve on the awards committee. The awards committee shall serve without compensation.
- (g) *Nomination procedure.*
  - (1) *Submission.* Nominations for a CDM shall be submitted to the city clerk's office to be forwarded to the awards committee for their review and recommendation.
  - (2) *Gold or silver CDM; sworn statements and additional documentation for basis of nomination.* Nominations for a gold CDM, or a silver CDM for lifesaving must contain a minimum of three sworn statements describing the act or actions upon which the nomination is based. Additional documentation, such as print media, photographs and diagrams, should accompany the nomination.
  - (3) *CDM candidacy.* Anyone may enter a nomination for award of a CDM, other than city police department nominees or volunteer firefighters, which nominations shall contain a statement from the respective department chief.
  - (4) *Medical personnel eligibility.* Nominations of trained and/or certified medical personnel under subsection (c)(4) above shall be reviewed by a medical doctor selected by the awards committee, to determine eligibility based upon the achieved training level of the nominee.

(Code 1981, § 2-7; Ord. of 4-11-1988, § 1; Ord. of 8-14-1995; Ord. of 1-12-1998)