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DEADLINE MARCH 26th

1. _____ has nominated _____ and understands that they must appear at the April statewide selection meeting to state reasons they believe this trooper should be Trooper of the Year.
2. Each troop will have a committee that will consist of one Master Sergeant or Lieutenant, one radio operator, and three troopers below the rank of Master Sergeant. The head of the committee will be selected by random drawing from these five names. The head of the committee will be required to attend the April statewide selection committee.

Our Troop Committee is:

Radio Operator _____

Master Sergeant or Lieutenant _____

Trooper _____

Trooper _____

Trooper _____

Head of the Committee from the above 5 names _____

3. There should be a nominee from HDQ, C, D, E, F, G, H, J, K, and M. *MBI and MBN nominees are included in the district they are assigned.*
4. Persons on the committee cannot be a nominee or nominate.
5. If this sheet is not completed and attached to your application your district will not have a nominee. You must comply. The award must be a trooper selected by their troop.

**DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY
MISSISSIPPI HIGHWAY SAFETY PATROL
MISSISSIPPI STATE TROOPERS ASSOCIATION
TROOPER OF THE YEAR AWARD
MISSISSIPPI DISTRICT EXCHANGE CLUBS**

I. PURPOSE

This establishes an annual award made by the Mississippi District Exchange Clubs to recognize outstanding officers of the Mississippi Highway Safety Patrol. This annual award shall be known as the Exchange Club State Trooper of the Year Award. The Purpose of this program is to strengthen and improve the effectiveness of law enforcement in Mississippi. This award is presented in consonance with the National Exchange Club=s Crime Prevention Program.

II. POLICY

The Mississippi District Exchange Clubs and the Mississippi Highway Safety Patrol use this means of recognizing and commemorating outstanding State Troopers in order to encourage professionalism in the performance of their daily activities. An outstanding State Trooper is selected in each Troop, Headquarters Complex (including the Driver Services Bureau, Law Enforcement Training Academy, Mississippi Bureau of Investigation, Air Operations, Protective Services and Bureau of Narcotics) sworn troopers.

III. PROCEDURE

A. ELIGIBILITY

1. Any sworn trooper graduating from a Mississippi Highway Safety Patrol Cadet School.
2. A trooper receiving this award must have an unblemished disciplinary record during the year for which the award is made. A single Group I offense may not be considered grounds to disqualify.

B. NOMINATIONS

1. This Mississippi State Troopers Association (MSTA) Representative will contact every trooper in the troop or bureau by public service or in person and inquire of a nomination. This contact will be confirmed.

2. Any trooper making a nomination will be advised that they will have to write a letter or appear in person before the troop selection committee to state the reason or reasons they believe this trooper should be Trooper of the Year.

C. TROOP SELECTION COMMITTEE

1. The committee will be composed of one Master Sergeant or Lieutenant, one radio operator and three troopers below the rank of Master Sergeant. Persons on the board cannot be nominee or have nominated a trooper.
2. This committee will be selected by a random drawing conducted by the MSTA troop representative in the presence of at least five (5) troopers. The head of the committee will be selected by a random drawing from the five (5) names.

D. TROOPER SELECTION PROCESS

1. The committee will interview all troopers who have nominated a fellow trooper and determine the reasons for the nomination. The reasons given will be documented and investigated by the committee.
2. The committee will investigate the nominee in the community in which the nominee resides.
3. At the discretion of the committee, the committee may interview each nominee.
4. The voting will be by secret ballot and a simple majority will rule.

E. STATEWIDE SELECTION COMMITTEE

1. The statewide selection committee will be composed of twelve (12) people. Every troop selection committee will select one of its members to serve on this committee.
2. The committee will meet, review the supporting documentation for each nominee, and interview each nominee. Basic questions relating to the documentation will be asked. The committee will keep in mind that all nominees are not fluent speakers.

3. All voting will be done by secret ballot and majority vote will rule. All votes will be counted by the MSTA non-sworn Secretary. The Secretary will put the statewide winner in a sealed envelope and will deliver it to the Chief of Patrol. The nominee's identity will be kept secret until the awards ceremony.

4. The counting of the votes will be done in the presence of the statewide selection committee. All votes will be kept on file for one (1) year.

F. STATEWIDE AWARDS CEREMONY

1. The initial announcement will be coordinated with the MSTTA and the Exchange Club of North Jackson.

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NOMINATION FORM ATROOPER OF THE YEAR@	
TROOPER=S NAME :	
BADGE NO:	RANK:
PRESENT DUTY STATION:	YEARS OF SERVICE
ADDRESS (HOME):	
CITY:	ZIP CODE:
DATE OF BIRTH:	PLACE OF BIRTH:
SPOUSE=S NAME (WIFE=S MAIDEN NAME):	
SPOUSE=S HOMETOWN:	
CHILDREN=S NAMES:	
TROOPER=S PARENTS= NAMES AND HOME TOWN:	
JUNIOR COLLEGE OR UNIVERSITY ATTENDED BY NOMINEE:	
DEGREE RECEIVED:	IN WHAT AREA?
COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT:	
MEMBERSHIP IN PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS (PAST AND PRESENT, YEARS OF MEMBERSHIP):	
VOLUNTEER ACTIVITIES WITHIN THE PATROL (HONOR GUARD, TACTICAL TEAM, FTO., ETC):	

PROFESSIONALISM AS A TROOPER (APPEARANCE, PUNCTUALITY, REPORT WRITING, ETC):

INTERRELATIONSHIPS WITH OTHER TROOPERS:

SPECIFIC OUTSTANDING ACCOMPLISHMENTS DURING THE YEAR (FELONY AND DUI ARREST, LIFESAVING, EDUCATING THE YOUNG, ETC.) ATTACH AN EXTRA SHEET IF NECESSARY.

THREE PERSONAL REFERENCES FROM OUTSIDE DPS (NAME, ADDRESS, AND PHONE NUMBER):

1.

2.

3.

STATEMENT FROM NOMINEE'S SUPERIOR OFFICER (PREFERABLY THE CAPTAIN OF THE TROOP), WHICH WILL BE USED AS A DIRECT QUOTE IN THE PRESS RELEASE FROM PUBLIC AFFAIRS IF THE NOMINEE IS CHOSEN. PLEASE NOTE WHO MADE THE STATEMENT. COMMENTS ABOUT THE NOMINEE CAN BE MADE ON THE BACK OF THIS SHEET OR AN ATTACHED PAGE.