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Last Year the FWD won more than it's fair share of National Level Awards. In 2012 FWD submitted nominations in all 12 of the award categories and won five Gold Merit Stars and four Silver Stars.

This year we have submitted nominations in 11 of the 12 categories. As of this writing we are still waiting for the national results. I do not expect to meet last year's impressive showing at the national level. I am very impressed by the superb nominations that were submitted this year. Congratulations go out to our strong nominees and the individuals that took the time to write up outstanding Nominations.

This year we received 68 award nominations compared to 62 last year.

These included:

- 12 National Appointments – 9 of these were approved
- 4 Distinguished Service Awards – All Approved
- 3 Purple Merit Stars – All Approved
- 3 Blue Merit Stars – 2 of these were approved.
- 2 Green Merit Star - Approved
- 5 Yellow Merit Stars - 3 were approved
- 1 Patroller Cross - pending approval

And – 28 National Outstanding Award Nominations. Compared to 32 in 2012

As a member of the National Award Committee I proposed some changes in the Blue Merit Star Criteria to allow for the awarding of Blue Merit Stars in incidences where patrollers choose to respond to severe incidences outside the patrol environment. (i.e. Car accidents, natural disasters) but where they did not save a life. The Proposal was rejected by the National Awards Committee, but I believe a seed has been planted for further consideration.

Respectfully Submitted,

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FWD Awards Advisor.