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## Police Officer and Firefighter of the Year Honored

Since 1980 the Knights of Columbus have sponsored a Civic Awards Night during which the Rock Island [Police Officer of the Year](#) and [Firefighter of the Year](#) are honored. Mr. Loui Alongi of the Knights of Columbus decided to organize a Rock Island Civic Awards Night after reading about a Knights of Columbus dinner elsewhere honoring police officers. It is now the group's main community project. When asked to comment on the event, Mr. Alongi mentioned that the many arrangements for Civic Awards Night are but a small gesture of appreciation. "The least we can do is once a year, sit down and say, 'Thanks a lot'".

Honorees for the event's 26th anniversary are Eddie Connelly, [Police Officer of the Year](#), and Dave Starofsky, [Firefighter of the Year](#). The police officer and firefighter were selected for this honor by their co-workers in each department. Both were honored during a May 1, 2005 event at the VFW Hall in Rock Island, IL.