

**(6) Office**

The term “Office” means the Congressional Badge of Bravery Office established under section 50331(a) of this title.

**(7) State and Local Board**

The term “State and Local Board” means the State and Local Law Enforcement Congressional Badge of Bravery Board established under section 50323(a) of this title.

**(8) State and Local Board members**

The term “State and Local Board members” means the members of the State and Local Board appointed under section 50323(c) of this title.

**(9) State and Local Law Enforcement Badge**

The term “State and Local Law Enforcement Badge” means the State and Local Law Enforcement Congressional Badge of Bravery described in section 50321 of this title.

**(10) State or local agency head**

The term “State or local agency head” means the head of any executive, legislative, or judicial branch entity of a State or local government that employs State or local law enforcement officers.

**(11) State or local law enforcement officer**

The term “State or local law enforcement officer” means an employee of a State or local government—

- (A) who has statutory authority to make arrests or apprehensions;
- (B) who is authorized by the agency of the employee to carry firearms; and
- (C) whose duties are primarily—
  - (i) engagement in or supervision of the prevention, detection, investigation, or prosecution of, or the incarceration of any person for, any violation of law; or
  - (ii) the protection of Federal, State, local, or foreign government officials against threats to personal safety.

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## SUBCHAPTER I—FEDERAL LAW ENFORCEMENT CONGRESSIONAL BADGE OF BRAVERY

**§ 50311. Authorization of a Badge**

The Attorney General may award, and a Member of Congress or the Attorney General may present, in the name of Congress a Federal Law Enforcement Congressional Badge of Bravery to a Federal law enforcement officer who is cited by the Attorney General, upon the recommendation of the Federal Board, for performing an act of bravery while in the line of duty.

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**§ 50312. Nominations****(a) In general**

A Federal agency head may nominate for a Federal Law Enforcement Badge an individual—

- (1) who is a Federal law enforcement officer working within the agency of the Federal agency head making the nomination; and
- (2) who—
  - (A)(i) sustained a physical injury while—
    - (I) engaged in the lawful duties of the individual; and
    - (II) performing an act characterized as bravery by the Federal agency head making the nomination; and
  - (ii) put the individual at personal risk when the injury described in clause (i) occurred; or
  - (B) while not injured, performed an act characterized as bravery by the Federal agency head making the nomination that placed the individual at risk of serious physical injury or death.

**(b) Contents**

A nomination under subsection (a) shall include—

- (1) a written narrative, of not more than 2 pages, describing the circumstances under which the nominee performed the act of bravery described in subsection (a) and how the circumstances meet the criteria described in such subsection;
- (2) the full name of the nominee;
- (3) the home mailing address of the nominee;
- (4) the agency in which the nominee served on the date when such nominee performed the act of bravery described in subsection (a);
- (5) the occupational title and grade or rank of the nominee;
- (6) the field office address of the nominee on the date when such nominee performed the act of bravery described in subsection (a); and
- (7) the number of years of Government service by the nominee as of the date when such nominee performed the act of bravery described in subsection (a).

**(c) Submission deadline**

A Federal agency head shall submit each nomination under subsection (a) to the Office not later than February 15 of the year following the date on which the nominee performed the act of bravery described in subsection (a).

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**§ 50313. Federal Law Enforcement Congressional Badge of Bravery Board****(a) Establishment**

There is established within the Department of Justice a Federal Law Enforcement Congressional Badge of Bravery Board.

**(b) Duties**

The Federal Board shall do the following: