



## 2007-2008 Florida Missing Children's Award Nomination Submission Form for SCHOOL BUS OPERATOR OF THE YEAR



Your Name:	Daytime Telephone Number:
Address:	Email Address:
Relation to Nominee (s):	

Thank you for considering nominees for the 2007-2008 Florida Missing Children's Awards. Winners will be selected by the Missing Children Information Clearinghouse Advisory Board under the auspices of FDLE. The awards will be presented on September 8, 2008 at the formal ceremony in Tallahassee, FL. **Please fax your nominations to FDLE/MCIC Attention: Patricia Rutherford at 850-410-8599 or mail to her at: Florida Department of Law Enforcement, Missing Children Information Clearinghouse, P. O. Box 1489, Tallahassee, FL 32302-1489.**

### **DEADLINE FOR ALL SUBMISSIONS IS MONDAY, JUNE 2, 2008**

The nominee must meet the following criteria.

1. The activity warranting nomination must have occurred while on duty as a School Bus Operator in the state of Florida during January 1, 2007 thru April 30, 2008; and
2. The activity can be determined to be exceptional, extraordinary, outstanding, or heroic, and that such activity resulted in the prevention of a child abduction, or the recovery of a child from a situation of imminent danger

#### **NOMINEE(S) INFORMATION:**

Name:	
Address:	Email Address:
Evening Telephone Number:	Daytime Telephone Number:
Concerning the case(s) of: Name(s) of Children	
Name of child(ren) custodial parents:	
Current address of custodial parents:	
Evening Telephone Number:	Daytime Telephone Number:

**Please provide detailed information concerning the case investigation. Be sure to describe the role of the nominee(s) and specify the actions and activities that led to your nomination of the individual(s) for this award. Include any additional information, including press clippings or news footage for our consideration. You may attach additional pages. Please type or print clearly.**

### **EXAMPLE**

While training a group of new school bus drivers, the bus operator observed a young child walking beside a busy two lane road. The child appeared to be too young to be in school, so she had the trainee stop nearby. The bus operator questioned the child about where she was going and how old she was. The reply was that she was eight-years-old.

Clearly, the child was not eight-years-old. The bus operator contacted the closest elementary school and established that the child was not enrolled. Enlisting the help of a Spanish speaking trainee, she obtained further information from the child. She contacted the police for assistance.

While the police were taking the report, the mother of the child came running, looking for her daughter. It was learned that the child was four-years-old and several blocks from her home. The child had left the house to follow her aunt to the local middle school. That was when the bus operator spotted her along the road.

The bus operator should be commended for her quick action and follow through to ensure the safety of this child and return to her mother.