



OPS Awards Program

Robert A. “Sam” Fisher Award for Excellence in OPSEC

Name: Robert A. “Sam” Fisher Award for Excellence in OPSEC. Sam Fischer was the National Security Agency (NSA) member of the original 17-man *Purple Dragon* team. Sam was instrumental in the development of National Security Decision Directive (NSDD) 298 which launched the National Operations Security Program for the U.S. Government under President Ronald Reagan in 1988. Two years later he founded the Operations Security Professionals Society (OPS) and became its first President. After forming the OPS, Sam recruited 175 members in its first month and continued to promote OPSEC for the rest of his life.

Purpose: Annual Recognition of an OPS members for superior performance and or contributions to the field of OPSEC.

Nominees: Any OPS member in good standing is eligible.

Criteria: The nomination paper must demonstrate that the candidate understands the OPSEC process. It must also illustrate that the candidate has distinguished themselves in OPSEC activities that demonstrate the candidate’s working knowledge of OPSEC (e.g., implementation of an OPSEC program for an organization, participation in an OPSEC assessment or survey, or development and implementation of an OPSEC awareness program for an organization). If the described OPSEC activity was accomplished as part of a team effort, the contributions of the candidate are to be described in detail. Include any awards received as a result of this OPSEC effort. (Care must be taken that the narrative does not reveal any classified or sensitive information or operations.)

Format: A written narrative (minimum), single spaced, with 1” margins, in Times New Roman font and 12 pitch. Submission may be as an attachment to an email, accompanied by a cover email signed by the person making the award nomination, including that person’s relationship to the nominee (e.g., peer, supervisor, or official of the nominating organization). The narrative and application must free from any classified or sensitive unclassified information and must be releasable to the public.

Terms: A candidate may be nominated by a peer, supervisor or organization. Application deadline is March 1st of each year. A committee of no less than three OPS members, chaired by one Board member, will review nomination packages and present their recommendations to the Board of Directors no later than April 1st. The recipient will be notified by April 15th. The award will be presented at the annual National OPSEC Conference. If the recipient is unable to attend the OPSEC Conference, the award will be mailed to the person’s supervisor who may make the presentation. -If currently unassigned, the award will be mailed directly to the recipient.

Award: Plaque or, letter and framed certificate.

Awards Committee. Initial functions, are to develop award application, design award, and publish application and nomination criteria in the OPS newsletter, email, and on the OPS website. First award presentation - 2013.

In identifying “OPSEC Excellence”, Committee members should consider the following:

- Understanding of the OPSEC process
- Initiative and superior performance meaningful results
- New program development and implementation
- Best practices and/or unique application of OPSEC practices or countermeasures
- Reduction/mitigation of Elimination or mitigation of a vulnerability
- Cost savings resulting from OPSEC efforts
- Awareness level of the organization. Contribution to improvement of an organization’s OPSEC awareness. activity or company awareness programs
- Years of OPSEC experience
- Awards or professional recognition related to OPSEC
- Certifications related to OPSEC

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AWARD APPLICATION

Name (Title, Rank if appropriate) _____

Agency, Company or Organization _____

Years of Service with Current Organization _____

Years of OPSEC experience _____

OPSEC (Related) Certifications: _____

Professional Affiliations: _____

OPSEC Awards or Formal Recognition of OPSEC Achievements _____

Nominating Person _____

Relation (Co-worker, Supervisor, Officer in Charge) _____

Organization's Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Phone # (_____) _____ Email Address: _____

I hereby nominate the above individual for this award based on:

Narrative...

EMAIL APPLICATIONS TO: AWARDS@OPSECSOCIETY.ORG OR MAIL TO: OPSEC PROFESSIONALS SOCIETY, P.O. BOX 150515, ALEXANDRIA, VA 22315-0515. DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION IS MARCH 1st.

_____ SIGNATURE

DATE