

2025 - 2026 Florida Missing Children's Day Jimmy Ryce K9 Trailing Team of the Year Award Nomination Form



DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSIONS IS FRIDAY, MAY 15, 2026

Thank you for considering nominees for the 2025 - 2026 Florida Missing Children's Day Awards. General award winners will be selected by the Missing Endangered Persons Information Clearinghouse (MEPIC) Advisory Board. Special award winners are selected by the Florida Department of Law Enforcement's (FDLE) Commissioner. The awards will be presented on Florida Missing Children's Day on Monday, September 14, 2026, in Tallahassee, Florida. Please email this completed form to FMCD@fdle.state.fl.us or mail it to FDLE, Attn. FMCD Coordinator, Post Office Box 1489, Tallahassee, FL 32302.

Nominator Information (Primary Award Contact)

The nominator will act as the main contact for award notification. Specific contact information for the nominees may be solicited at a later date if needed.

Full Name: _____

Rank/Title: _____

Agency/Organization: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Are you nominating one nominee or a group that participated in the same activity?	One	Group
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Is there an agency case number associated with this nomination?	Yes	No
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If you answered yes above, please provide the agency case number.

Does the recovered child have autism spectrum disorder or another impairment? (If yes, please list impairment in summary).	Yes	No
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AWARD CRITERIA

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Jimmy Ryce K9 Trailing Team of the Year	<p>1) The activity warranting nomination must have occurred in the State of Florida during the time period between January 1, 2025 and April 30, 2026.</p> <p>2) The activity must be determined to be exceptional, extraordinary, outstanding, or beyond the call of duty.</p> <p>3) The activity resulted in the safe recovery of a missing minor child.</p> <p>*Award may be given to both sworn/non-sworn trailing teams. Other scent trailing types (decedent, electronic scent, etc.) and teams who recovered children deceased are assessed under a different award.</p> <p><u>SWORN PERSONNEL MUST BE:</u> Employed in Florida, in good standing with their department, the Criminal Justice Standards and Training Commission, and have no departmental charges against them.</p>

Nominee Information

If submitting a group, attach multiple copies of this page with each nominee's information.

Disclaimer: Florida Missing Children's Day is live streamed by the Florida Channel, winners that are undercover or that do not wish to have their information released may be unable to participate in the ceremony itself. Their awards will be distributed based on their agency's/organization's preference. Participation in the ceremony authorizes the use of the winner's name and image for publication. FDLE reserves the right to remove a nominee or winner from the selection process if any adverse information is obtained before award issuance on September 14, 2026.

Full Name: _____

Rank/Title: _____

Agency/Organization: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

K9 Name: _____

K9 Age: _____

K9 Breed: _____

K9 Years of Service: _____

Is the nominee a sworn officer?

Yes

No

Is there any reason the nominee's information cannot be released (e.g., undercover)?

Yes

No

Scent discriminatory trained?

Yes

No

Nomination Summary

Please provide detailed information concerning the case investigation or activity. Describe the role of the nominee(s) and specify the actions and activities that led to your nomination for this award. Include any additional information, like press clippings, arrest reports or news footage for our consideration. You may also include any additional cases the nominee(s) participated in during timeframe. You may attach additional pages.