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Nashville Fire Department BLAZE Program Nominated For 2021 RISE Award; Call on Community to Vote

RISE Awards Honors Those Who Rise Above the Call of Duty to Serve Their Community

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (September 3, 2021) – Nashville Fire Department BLAZE Mentoring Program announced today that it has been nominated for a 2021 RISE award for the Agency category. BLAZE, which stands for Breaking Limitations Accepting Zero Excuses, is being recognized in this unique awards program for making great strides in building up their community.

Community members, friends and family may each vote once per day until September 17, 2021, by clicking on the link below. The top 10 finalists with the most votes in each category will then be reviewed by a panel of judges. Winners will receive \$7,500 for the police foundation, police nonprofit or community program.

To vote click here: <https://riseawards.us.launchpad6.com/riseagencyawards/entry/107>

Axon’s RISE Awards showcase the extraordinary courage, compassion and dedication to community demonstrated by officers and agencies across the country,” said Axon CEO and founder Rick Smith. “Our hope is that the stories of heroism and valor highlighted through these awards will inspire others as much as they inspire us.”

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The BLAZE Mentoring Program has been operating since 2018. The mentoring program's goal is to make a positive impact on the lives of Metro Nashville Public School High School Students.

BLAZE mentors are all Nashville Fire Department personnel who aim to reduce any limits that students have relating to their future and to push students to be their best. BLAZE mentors expose students to a variety of local career opportunities, guide students toward positive paths and build connections with students beyond the classroom.

BLAZE partners with PENCIL and MNPS High School Academies to provide sessions in the core high schools.

In 2020, BLAZE awarded two \$1,000 scholarships to winners graduating from Glencliff High School. BLAZE looks forward to awarding additional scholarships in May 2022.

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