

The California Sexual Assault Investigator's Association (CSAIA) was established in 1979 as a non-profit organization with a mission to set the standard on education and training for sexual assault law enforcement investigators. This association has continued to strengthen over the years with the unity of Sexual Assault Response Teams (SART) including Forensic Nurses, advocates, District Attorneys, Probation and Child Protective Services.

Each year during the CSAIA Annual Training Conference the Association honors professionals for Outstanding Performance in the field of sexual assault investigations, forensics, and legislation. All of the awards are based on nominations submitted to the CSAIA Board of Directors.

This year, the Board of Directors will be accepting nominations for the following awards for superior accomplishments and outstanding performance:

The Michiel Hyder Sustained Achievement Award
Sustained Achievement in Forensic Sciences Award
The Patrick Sullivan Outstanding Investigator of the Year Award
The Outstanding Agency of the Year Award
The Outstanding Legislator of the Year Award

Each award recipient and a guest will be invited to attend an awards ceremony during the 2018 CSAIA Annual Training Conference held at Shell Beach, CA, March 12-15, 2019.

As members of the law enforcement community, we challenge you with the task of thinking about who has made an outstanding contribution, one who makes a considerable difference in the profession of law enforcement, specifically the investigation/prosecution of sexual assaults, and offer a nomination for a sustained accomplishment award. All of us flourish with validation and recognition. Please take the time to recognize someone, or an agency, that has made a difference in our profession. You may forward this e-mail to a co-worker or supervisor that you feel may have knowledge of a person, team or agency to whom recognition is due.

Nomination forms, guidelines and award criteria can be found on the website at www.csaia.org. I have attached the information to this e-mail for your ease in reviewing the criteria and submitting a nomination.

All nominations must be submitted to Awards Chairperson, Karen Sherwood by **January 4, 2019 at 5pm**. Nominations can be submitted via e-mail to: karen.sherwood@csaia.org

We welcome your nominations and thank you for your time and consideration of the professionals in our field of expertise.

Sincerely,

Karen Sherwood
Karen Sherwood, Awards Chairperson
CSAIA Board of Directors