

Dallas Firefighter's Museum Photo Contest 2021

Term:

The Dallas Firefighter's Museum Photo Contest begins August 25, 2021, and ends October 5, 2021, at 5:00 PM Central Standard Time. By submitting an entry, each contestant agrees to the rules of the contest and states that he or she is 18 years old or older.

Who may enter:

The contest is open to photographers who are 18 years old or older. Dallas Firefighter's Museum board members, including both the board of directors and the advisory board and their immediate families (children, parents, siblings and spouses) and others living in their households are not eligible for any prize. Dallas Firefighter's Museum employees are not eligible; however, family members of employees are eligible. The Dallas Firefighter's Museum will determine winners' eligibility in its sole discretion.

What to enter:

The following six contest categories are drawn from subjects of special interest to *the Dallas Firefighter's Museum*:

- 1. Dallas Fire Rescue Department Incidents and/or Response:** This includes firefighting and other emergency response activities. This also includes activities at the scene of an incident after the emergency has been brought under control, including salvage operations, overhaul, rehab, recovery and the investigation of incidents.
- 2. Dallas Fire Rescue Station Life:** Photos taken at a city of Dallas fire station
- 3. Dallas Fire Rescue Non-Emergency Activities:** Photos of Dallas Fire Rescue members involved in non-emergency activities. Examples include but are not limited to: Training, Fire Prevention Activities, Show N Tells, Smoke Detector Blitzes, Pre-Incident Planning, Inspection, and other non-emergency activities.
- 4. Dallas Fire Rescue Altered Images:** Photographs manipulated for artistic purposes by applying digital and/or traditional special effects.
- 5. Dallas Fire Rescue Mobile:** Any photograph taken with a mobile device (phone or tablet). Photographs taken with a mobile device that do not meet the minimum resolution requirement may be entered in this category regardless of subject matter as long as it is related to Dallas Fire Rescue.

6. Other Local Fire Department Photos (not Dallas Fire Rescue Department related): Photographs depicting other local fire departments may be submitted in this category. The term “other local fire departments” is defined as any fire department that has a mutual aid agreement with the city of Dallas. Those cities are: Addison, Balch Springs, Carrollton, Cedar Hill, Cockrell Hill, Coppell, Dallas County, Desoto, DFW Airport, Duncanville, Farmers Branch, Garland, Glenn Heights, Grand Prairie, Hutchins, Irving, Lancaster, Lewisville, Mesquite, Plano, Richardson, Rowlett, Sachse, Seagoville, Sunnyvale, University Park and Wilmer.

To be eligible for any category, a photograph must have been shot by the entrant. The contestant certifies that he/she is the sole creator and copyright owner of the submitted photograph.

Cropped photos are eligible in all categories. We do not accept digitally or otherwise enhanced or altered photos, except for those entered in the Altered Images category. Minor adjustments, including the removal of sensor dust or scratches on scans of negatives, dodging and burning, sharpening, contrast, toning, slight color adjustment and conversion to grayscale are acceptable for all categories. The addition and subtraction of objects is not permitted except in the Altered Images category. If the judges determine that a photographer has altered his or her photo, they reserve the right to move the photo to Altered Images or to disqualify it. Image composites including HDR and stitched panoramas will be judged as Altered Images.

For a photo in which a person is recognizable, you must be prepared to provide a model release from the subject or, in the case of a minor, the subject’s parent or guardian, to the Dallas Firefighter’s Museum upon request. If the entrant is unable to provide a release, the Dallas Firefighter’s Museum in its sole discretion reserves the right to disqualify the submission, seek to secure the required releases, or permit the submission to remain in the contest.

Photos that violate or infringe upon another person's rights, including but not limited to copyright, or HIPAA, are not eligible.

Photos that contain sexually explicit, nude, obscene, violent, or other objectionable or inappropriate content, as determined by the Dallas Firefighter’s Museum in its sole discretion, are ineligible for all categories of this contest.

How to Enter:

Please submit photographs and requested information online through our website at DallasFirefightersMuseum.com. You may submit up to 5 photographs per category but no more than 20 photographs in total for the contest. In order to be displayed in our online gallery without being stretched or distorted, photographs must be submitted in .jpeg or .jpg format, edited for web in sRGB color space, at least 2,000 pixels wide and no larger than 20 MB. You must complete a separate form for each photo submitted.

We do not accept photographs submitted through the mail and do not accept more than one contestant per e-mail address. High-quality scans of non-digital photographs are acceptable. Digital photographs should be taken at the highest resolution possible.

Finalists must be prepared to submit an original, unedited digital file or an original negative, print or slide. Original negatives, prints or slides will be returned to finalists. The Dallas Firefighter's Museum Institution reserves the right to disqualify incomplete entries and/or contestants who are unable to submit, upon request, a high-resolution photograph of at least 300 dpi at 3,000 pixels on the longest side or an original photo negative, print or slide. Mobile photographs are exempt from this size requirement but must be submitted at their highest resolution upon request.

The Dallas Firefighter's Museum may collect a photograph's metadata upon entry.

You retain your rights to your photograph; however, by entering the contest, you grant the Dallas Firefighter's Museum (and those authorized by the Dallas Firefighter's Museum) a royalty-free, world-wide, perpetual, non-exclusive license to publicly display, distribute, reproduce and create derivative works of the entries, in whole or in part, in any media now existing or later developed, for any purpose, including, but not limited to, advertising and promotion of the museum and its website, exhibition, and commercial products, including but not limited to Dallas Firefighter's Museum publications. Any photograph reproduced will include a photographer credit as feasible. The Dallas Firefighter's Museum Institution will not be required to pay any additional consideration or seek any additional approval in connection with such uses.

Entry deadline:

The contest begins on August 25, 2021. All entries must be received through Dallas Firefighter's Museum.com by 5:00 PM Central Standard Time on October 5, 2021.

Judging

Photo entries will be judged based on creativity, quality, originality, responsiveness to the prompt and overall impact.

The Dallas Firefighter's Museum will select 5 finalists per category, a winner for each category, and Grand Prize winner and a 2nd prize winner from the finalists. Winners will be revealed between October 31 and November 30, 2021.

The Dallas Firefighter's Museum will notify winners via the contact information provided at the time of entry; the Dallas Firefighter's Museum may disqualify anyone who fails to respond to the notification within five business days.

Please do not contact us about the status of entries or judging.

Prizes:

Prizes will be awarded, as follows:

Grand Prize:

- \$500 Gift Certificate to Competitive Camera in Dallas

2nd Place:

- \$250 gift certificate to Pedego Bikes Dallas

3rd Place:

- Dallas Firefighter's Museum swag bag and a beer tasting for up to four people at Community Beer in Dallas

Category Winners: The winners of each of the six categories will receive:

- 1 - Sesquicentennial Challenge Coin
- 1 - Sesquicentennial T-Shirt
- 1 - pound of Old Tige Coffee
- 1 – Museum Coffee Mug
- 1 - printed certificate suitable for framing
- Free admission to and guided tour of the Dallas Firefighter's Museum for up to five people.

Winners must sign a release and license, as well as a declaration of eligibility, and will be responsible for paying any fees or taxes associated with the prize. All prizes are awarded "as is" and are non-transferable. Prizes are non-refundable and cannot be exchanged or redeemed for cash.

Online Features:

The Dallas Firefighter's Museum may select photos for highlight on its website or display in a publicly accessible contest archive. Such selections will be made in the Dallas Firefighter's Museum's sole discretion.

Conditions of Entry:

All entrants hold the Sponsors and their respective regents, directors, officers, employees, emeriti, fellows, interns, research associates, and volunteers (the "Indemnified Parties") harmless from and against all claims of any nature arising in connection with entrant's participation in the contest and acceptance or use of a prize.

The Indemnified Parties are not liable for any costs, damages, injuries, or other claims incurred as a result of entrants' participation in the contest or winner's acceptance and usage of a prize. The Indemnified Parties are not responsible for incomplete or misdirected entries, technical or network malfunctions or failures, or causes beyond their control. Entrants are solely responsible for their entries. Entrants may not submit materials that introduce any software viruses, worms or other programs designed to damage software, hardware or telecommunications equipment or are off-topic, partisan-political, contain advertising, nudity, personal attacks or expletives, or is otherwise abusive, threatening, unlawful, harassing, discriminatory, libelous, obscene, false, sexually explicit, or that infringes on the rights of any third party.

The contest is void where prohibited or restricted by law. The Dallas Firefighter's Museum reserves the right to cancel the contest or modify these rules at its discretion. In the event of a dispute regarding the winners, the Dallas Firefighter's Museum reserves the right to award or not award the prizes in its sole discretion. The Dallas Firefighter's Museum reserves the right to disqualify any entrant whose entry or conduct appears in any way to: inhibit the enjoyment of others; tamper with the competition; violate these rules or other applicable law or regulation; infringe on the rights of third parties; or act in an unsportsmanlike or disruptive manner. **Decisions of the Dallas Firefighter's Museum are final and binding.**