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NATaT to Join the 2021 Small Town America Civic Volunteer Awards Ceremony

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NATaT will honor 100 of the nation's top public service and safety volunteers from small localities across the country.

WASHINGTON, D.C.—The National Association of Towns and Townships (NATaT) is pleased to join the [2021 Small Town America Civic Volunteer Awards](#) (STACVA) Ceremony on Monday, November 15, 2021. NATaT is a proud co-sponsor of the annual event which honors the extraordinary achievements of 100 public service volunteers from communities under 25,000 including several from NATaT member states. CivicPlus will award prizes to each winner, including cash awards, valued over \$1,000,000. Other co-sponsors of the award are the National Association of Counties, National Volunteer Fire Council, Points of Light, and Main Street America.

“We are proud to recognize the incredible effort and generosity of volunteers in small communities nationwide,” said **Jennifer Imo, NATaT Federal Director**. “Everywhere you look, volunteers fill in gaps as EMTs, firefighters, and council members to provide essential services and protect the safety of their communities. They deserve immense thanks for their contributions.”

Neil Sheridan, NATaT's Secretary/Treasurer and Executive Director of the Michigan Townships Association, serves as NATaT's representative on the 2021 STACVA National Advisory Council. NATaT applauds his efforts to connect with local government representatives from NATaT's over 10,000 towns and townships to nominate public service volunteers or public service volunteer organizations for STACVA recognition. Thanks to this work, there were almost 700 nominations from 49 states this year compared to 60 nominations from 40 states in 2020.

Who: The National Association of Towns and Townships

What: 2021 Small Town Civic Volunteer Awards Ceremony

When: Monday, November 15th at 2:00 p.m. EST

Where: [Virtual Ceremony](#) hosted by Bart Russell, Founder & CEO of the Barton Russell Group, Chair of the STACVA's National Advisory Team

Additional Background on STACVA

Launched in 2020, The Small Town America Civic Volunteer Award aims to recognize the achievements of local volunteers and raise awareness on the decline in public service volunteerism in small communities across the country. Every year, the STACVA program calls on local leaders to nominate volunteers as the nation's top 100 **public service and public safety volunteers** in localities of 25,000 people or less. STACVA honors volunteers' extraordinary service and provides cash awards and training resources to each year's winners sponsored by [CivicPlus](#).