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Fire Prevention Director Receives Award

Fire Prevention Bureau Director Robert Morris received the “Lonnie Jackson” award from the Illinois Fire Inspectors Association (IFIA), at their annual Fire Prevention Awards luncheon on October 26, 2007. Morris is the first person to receive this award.

According to the IFIA, “This award is granted to any member of the Association who has unselfishly contributed to the greater good of public education in the fire service through program development, delivery, organization, sharing of ideas, mentoring others, and devotion to the mission of public fire and life safety education”.

Prior to coming to the Darien-Woodridge Fire District in May of 2004 as the Fire Prevention Bureau Director, he retired after 27 years of service from the Palatine Fire Department. He left there as the Fire Prevention Division Chief. Morris began his involvement in public education activities in the late 70’s. Through the years he was involved at various levels in local, state, and national activities. He later became the Department’s first full time Public Education Officer.

The Lonnie Jackson award is named for one of the founding members of the IFIA who served as its Executive Director until he retired in 2006. Jackson was a leader in public education activities at a national level, and was instrumental building the foundation in much of what fire service organizations are doing today.

The announcement of this award was made during the IFIA annual Public Education Conference in April of this year. The award was presented at last month’s awards luncheon on October 26, 2007.
