



## **NEWS RELEASE**

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### **(TVF&R Deputy Fire Marshal Eric McMullen Recognized for Outstanding Service)**

On May 16th the Oregon Fire Service hosted its annual Fire Service Meritorious Awards Banquet at the Portland Metropolitan Expo Center. In total, 32 groups and individuals were recognized for their actions or services.

The Golden Sparky is the highest award given by the Office of State Fire Marshal to fire service personnel for outstanding achievement in fire prevention and fire safety. This year's recipient was TVF&R Deputy Fire Marshal Eric McMullen.

McMullen was recognized for his tireless pursuit of improvements to Oregon Fire and Building Codes and assisting the Oregon State Fire Marshals Office with an initiative to increase the number of homes having residential fire sprinkler protection.

As a member of the Oregon Fire Code Committee for more than 10 years, McMullen's efforts have been instrumental in adopting a state fire code that meets Oregon's needs while maintaining national consistency. For the past eight years, McMullen has taught fire code classes to fire prevention personnel throughout Oregon.

McMullen also manages TVF&R's nationally recognized Multi-Family Housing Fire Reduction Program to train apartment and property managers on fire and life safety issues.

"Eric deserves recognition for his commitment and success as a leader, a partner, and an advocate for the Oregon fire service on a local, state, and national level," said State Fire Marshal Nancy Orr.

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