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WINTER PARK FIRE CHIEF JAMES E. WHITE RECEIVES LEADERSHIP LEGACY AWARD

WINTER PARK, Fla., an internationally recognized ICMA Excellence Award winner with accredited fire, police and parks & recreation agencies

(September 3, 2015) – Winter Park Fire Chief James E. White was presented with the Ronny Jack Coleman Leadership Legacy Award during the Center for Public Safety Excellence (CPSE) 16th Annual Awards Ceremony in Atlanta. This award recognizes an individual who holds the Chief Fire Officer designation for their superior leadership and actions that have elevated the international fire and emergency services profession through mentoring, teaching and sharing outstanding contributions. Recipients must also exhibit consistent dedication and commitment to the fire service profession by demonstrating a devotion to help raise the international fire and emergency services to greater heights.

Since the late 1990s, Chief White has exemplified excellence by beginning the process that ultimately led Winter Park Fire-Rescue Department (WPFDR) to accreditation success. He has also led WPFDR to be innovators in the world of ambulance safety by changing the way ambulances are designed and keeping safety for the providers in mind. His department also received an Insurance Service Office Class 1 rating in 2013 and accreditation from the Commission on Accreditation of Ambulance Services in 2014.

Established in 1900, WPFDR is an internationally accredited, full-service fire and emergency services agency, providing the highest insurance services classification public fire protection. Winter Park firefighters respond annually to an average of 4,500 requests for service, with comprehensive fire and code compliance activities helping maintain an extraordinarily low-dollar loss from fire, as well as a well-maintained community environment.

For more information regarding CPSE and the Ronny Jack Coleman Leadership Legacy Award, please visit publicsafetyexcellence.org.

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