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## **WINTER PARK FIRE-RESCUE DEPARTMENT RECEIVES LIFE SAFETY ACHIEVEMENT AWARD**

**WINTER PARK, Fla., *an internationally recognized ICMA Excellence Award winner (November 18, 2008)*** – On October 1, 2008, the Residential Fire Safety Institute (RFSI) awarded the Winter Park Fire-Rescue Department with the 2007 Life Safety Achievement Award in recognition of its hard work and dedication toward keeping the community free of residential fire-related casualties during the past year. Out of 150 residential fires in Winter Park, the department experienced zero casualties.

According to the RFSI director, Roy L. Marshall, "Experience tells us that fire prevention activity and public education can significantly reduce life and property loss from residential fires. The Life Safety Achievement Award recognizes fire departments for their fire-prevention efforts and encourages them to continually improve those efforts." Although residential fires in the United States account for only 20 percent of all fires, they result in 80 percent of all fire deaths.

The RFSI is a public interest group whose mission is to reduce residential fire deaths and injuries by advocating the use of residential fire sprinklers, smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors, and teaching people fire-safe behavior. Their membership includes the United States Fire Administration, the National Association of State Fire Marshals, and private industry associations with an interest in and commitment to fire safety.

For more information regarding the City of Winter Park Fire-Rescue Department, please visit the city's official web site at

[www.cityofwinterpark.org](http://www.cityofwinterpark.org). ###

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