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## **JAMES E. WHITE NAMED FLORIDA FIRE CHIEF OF THE YEAR**

**WINTER PARK, Fla., an internationally recognized ICMA Excellence Award winner with accredited fire, police and parks & recreation agencies (August 14, 2014)** – Winter Park Fire Chief James E. White was presented with the Fire Chief of the Year Award from the Florida Fire Chiefs' Association (FFCA). The award was presented last week at the FFCA's annual Summer Executive Leadership Conference in Fort Lauderdale, Florida. This is the highest honor the Florida fire service can bestow upon one of its chief fire executives. The award was conceived to recognize truly outstanding fire chiefs whose acts and deeds in their profession, home, community and country, serve as an example and challenge for all other chief fire executives throughout the state.

Award selection criteria includes leadership, innovation, professional development, integrity, service to the public, and contributions to the fire service as a whole. Nominations from across the state were reviewed by the award committee consisting of the previous three award recipients. Chief White will serve on the award committee for the 2015 award selection process.

According to Chief White, "Being nominated for this award is an honor. To me personally, being selected says more about the fire department than it does about the individual fire chief. Being nominated by my staff and recommended by my peers throughout the state makes me tremendously proud. It is truly a blessing to lead my firefighters and to serve the city of Winter Park."

Established in 1900, Winter Park Fire-Rescue is a full service fire and emergency services agency, internationally accredited, providing the highest insurance services classification public fire protection classification. Firefighters respond annually to an average of 4500 requests for service with comprehensive fire and code compliance activities helping maintain an extraordinarily low-dollar loss from fire as well as and a well-maintained community environment.

For more information regarding the FFCA, please visit [ffca.org](http://ffca.org).

For more information regarding the WPFD, please visit the city's official website at [cityofwinterpark.org](http://cityofwinterpark.org).

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