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WINTER PARK FIRE-RESCUE DEPARTMENT RECEIVES LIFE SAFETY ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

WINTER PARK, Fla., a nationally recognized Crown Community and City Spirit Award winner (November 15, 2006) – The Winter Park Fire-Rescue Department (WPFRD) has been presented with a Life Safety Achievement Award for the year 2005 by the Residential Fire Safety Institute (RFSI). The award was announced by Roy L. Marshall, RFSI Director.

Winter Park Fire Chief Jim White states that, “Certainly we are proud to know that the work being done in our community is worthy of this recognition. While we realize the success of our prevention programs have had a positive impact on the safety of our community, we know much is still left to accomplish to truly make our community safe from fire.”

For 13 years, the Life Safety Achievement Award has recognized the local fire-prevention activities that have contributed to reducing the number of lives lost in residential fires. The WPFRD qualified for this award in the year 2005 because it recorded zero fire deaths in structures during that year. Although residential fires in the U.S. account for 20 percent of all fires, they result in 80 percent of all fire deaths. The RFSI is committed to reducing that number. A total of 769 fire departments in the U.S., Canada, Italy, Japan, and Greece received the 2005 Life Safety Achievement Award.

The RFSI is a public interest group whose mission is to reduce residential fire deaths and injuries. The RFSI advocates the use of residential fire sprinklers, smoke alarms, carbon-monoxide detectors, and teaching people fire safe behavior. The RFSI also assists fire departments with implementing residential sprinkler/smoke alarm programs on a local basis. The RFSI’s 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 residential fire safety.

For information regarding the Winter Park Fire-Rescue Department and other awards and accreditations received by the department, please visit www.wpfd.org.

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