

FORMER STATE FIRE ADMINISTRATOR JIM BURNS RECEIVES THE FIRE AND LIFE SAFETY ADVOCATE OF THE YEAR AWARD.



The New York State Office of Fire Prevention and Control wishes to extend congratulations to former State Fire Administrator James Burns in receiving the Fire and Life Safety Advocate of the Year award from the Fire Equipment Manufacturers' Association. This national award recognizes his lifelong efforts to promote fire and life safety while he served as State Fire Administrator and his continued efforts while serving as the President of the Firemen's Association of the State of New York.

The announcement letter is attached.



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Mr. James Burns, President
Firemen's Association of The State of New York
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Via Email: nycarl@aol.com

Dear Mr. Burns:

It is my pleasure to inform you that the Fire Equipment Manufacturers' Association has selected you to receive the Fire and Life Safety Advocate of the Year award. This award is given to a person who has demonstrated a commitment to enhancing the safety of the public through innovative efforts, including legislative, educational, enforcement, or other effective means. Your dedication to the protection of the public from fire has been noted throughout your history in the fire service. As the President of the National Association of State Fire Marshals, and while serving as the State Fire Administrator for the State of New York, we observed your efforts to pass legislation and promulgate rules that have benefitted not only the citizens of New York, but also the entire United States. These include the Safe Cigarette legislation, which your department pursued with tenacious vigor, rules regarding novelty cigarette lighters, model code adoptions, and more.

We appreciate the fact that, even after retiring from the active fire service, you remain vigilant through your leadership of the Firemen's Association of the State of New York. Your efforts to provide for the health and safety of firefighters as well as the general public should not go unnoticed.

We would like to formally present the award at FEMA's Annual Meeting, scheduled to be held October 9-11, 2013 in Orlando, Florida. Additional details will be provided closer to the meeting, but we would be delighted if you are able to attend.

Please accept my sincere congratulations on this prestigious award.

Sincerely,

Eric Smith, President
Fire Equipment Manufacturers' Association

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