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The 2013 Dr. Anne W. Phillips Award for Leadership in Fire Safety Education

Jim Crawford to be honored with the Award at the 25th Annual National Fire and Emergency Services Dinner in Washington, DC, May 9, 2013

The Congressional Fire Services Institute (CFSI) and the International Fire Service Training Association at Fire Protection Publications, Oklahoma State University (IFSTA/FPP/OSU) are pleased to announce that Jim Crawford has been selected as the 2013 Dr. Anne W. Phillips Leadership in Fire Safety Education Award recipient. Mr. Crawford is the Project Manager for the nationally recognized Vision 20/20 Project *National Strategies for Fire Loss Prevention*. This pioneering initiative is a grassroots collaborative vision to unite efforts for a national strategic plan for fire and life safety, with the goal of generating action to reduce injury and the loss of life and property from fire in America. National leaders, organizations, and stakeholders developed, supported and implemented Vision 20/20 and Mr. Crawford skillfully facilitates it.



Jim Crawford

Jim Crawford's 37-year fire service career began with the Clackamas County (Oregon) Fire District #1. From his beginnings as a line firefighter, he rose through the ranks to Division Chief – Fire Marshal in Portland, Oregon and the Fire Marshal/Planning Chief in Vancouver, Washington. Chief Crawford has served in many national leadership roles, including President of the International Fire Marshals Association, member of the National Fire Protection Association Standards Council, and founding chair of the NFPA Technical Committee for Professional Qualifications for Fire Marshal (NFPA 1037). Author of *Fire Prevention Organization and Management (Brady)*, and the chapter on Prevention in the *ICMA Managing Fire and Rescue Services*, he is also a regular columnist on trending issues in fire prevention for *Fire Rescue Magazine*.

Jim Crawford's impact on public fire safety is perhaps best characterized by his recent contributions to build and lead Vision 20/20. Funded primarily by Assistance to Fire Fighters Grants, Vision 20/20 is a project of the Institution of Fire Engineers (IFE), USA Branch. Since 2007, Vision 20/20 has engaged hundreds of stakeholders in planning and generating agreement on five national fire prevention strategies. With oversight by a Steering Committee representing more than 20 national fire organizations, steady progress is being made on all five strategies. Vision 20/20 is identifying best practices in fire prevention and providing local fire departments with proven models, free training, and tools to build and evaluate local prevention programs.

Chief Crawford has championed local community risk reduction (CRR) programs with risk assessments conducted, prevention strategies developed and implemented by fire station crews. Local CRR projects have proven successful, especially home safety visits and smoke alarm installations in high-risk homes conducted by firefighters and community partners.

Bill Jenaway, CFSI President, Craig Hannan, Director of Fire Protection Publications at OSU, and Mike Wieder, IFSTA Executive Director issued a joint statement honoring the 2013 recipient. "Jim Crawford has carried a vision for enhanced and more effective fire prevention strategies throughout his career and

now, he is leading the partnerships and collaborations of Vision 20/20 to supplement existing prevention programs where additional work will help improve our loss prevention strategies. We take great pride in acknowledging the impact of his work by presenting Jim with the 2013 Dr. Anne W. Phillips Award for Leadership in Fire Safety Education."

Recognizing IFSTA's support of the program, Jenaway extended his thanks to IFSTA/FPP and Oklahoma State University. "On behalf of my fellow board members, including Louis J. Amabili who served with Anne Phillips on the National Commission on Fire Prevention and Control, I extend my personal thanks to IFSTA/OSU-FPP for its continued support of CFSI. This particular award program is very important to maintaining a constant awareness of fire and life safety education throughout the nation."

The award will be presented on May 9 at the 25th Annual National Fire and Emergency Services Dinner in Washington, DC.

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Please visit the Congressional Fire Services Institute's website (www.cfsi.org) for additional information about the 25th Annual National Fire and Emergency Services Dinner and Seminars Program. Approximately 2,000 fire and emergency services leaders throughout the nation are expected to attend the annual program. In addition to the dinner and seminars, attendees will schedule meetings with their members of Congress to discuss important fire and life safety issues.

Dr. Anne W. Phillips Award

Named for Dr. Anne Wright Phillips, the award honors her outstanding achievements as a champion of fire safety education and celebrates her role as a leader whose exemplary work in fire safety education has had a lasting impact on the nation's safety. As a member of the National Commission on Fire Prevention and Control, Phillips authored the 1973 Minority Report, an appendix to *America Burning*, pushing the Commission to recognize the important role of prevention in reducing fire injury and death. Throughout her life, Dr. Phillips has demonstrated an unwavering dedication to fire prevention and preparedness as the basis to strengthening fire safety education across the country. The award is named in her honor, to keep the work and spirit of Dr. Phillips alive well beyond her lifetime by celebrating those who follow her example to move the field of fire safety forward.

The award was initiated by the Home Safety Council in association with the Congressional Fire Service Institute (CFSI) in 2007. The International Fire Service Training Association (IFSTA) became the sponsor in 2012. The award is presented at the CFSI Annual National Fire and Emergency Services Dinner in Washington, DC.

2007 1st award Jim Dalton

2008 2nd award Nancy Trench

2009 3rd award Pat Mieszala

2010 4th award Sharon Gamache

2011 5th award Peg Carson

2012 6th award Meri-K Appy

Dr. Phillips' obituary is attached

Anne Wight Phillips, at 91; surgeon, fire-safety advocate

February 22, 2009 Anne Wight Phillips, whose pioneering work as a surgeon in the 1940s made her a major force in breaking barriers against women doctors, would not have sought the headlines for that particular feat.

But in the 1970s and 1980s, she welcomed the attention to promote a cause dear to her heart that would save lives threatened by fire: her belief that prevention was the key and that the chief killer of fire victims was lung damage by smoke inhalation.

"Doctor scolds fire chiefs for needless risk," headlined a 1972 Globe story about Dr. Phillips's address before an international chiefs' conference on fire prevention and control in Cleveland, chiding them for "taking pride to be known as a smoke-eater."

Dr. Phillips, described by newspaper reports as the first woman surgeon to operate at Massachusetts General Hospital, died Feb. 12 of respiratory arrest at Clark House of Fox Hill Village in Westwood. She was 91

Dr. Phillips became nationally recognized in the field of burn research and fire prevention and, in 1973, President Richard M. Nixon appointed her to the National Commission on Fire Prevention and Control.

Her son, Asa E. Phillips III, of Weston, said Dr. Phillips started at MGH in 1949 and was believed to be the first woman to perform major surgical procedures there.

“Anne’s legacy is shown in the contributions women have made [in medicine] and will make. She was clearly a pioneer,” said Dr. Paul S. Russell of Westwood, former chairman of the MGH department of surgery.

At first, Dr. Phillips worked as an associate on the surgical team of Dr. Oliver Cope, internationally known for his treatment of burn victims.

Phillips said his mother was at MGH from the 1940s to the 1960s and remained technically on staff there until the 1980s.

Colleagues lauded her role in the treatment of burn victims with Dr. Cope, who died in 1994.

“Not only did Anne become aware of how best to care for burn patients because of Dr. Cope, she was involved with him at the Shriner’s” burn center. In 1974, Dr. Phillips founded the nonprofit Smoke, Fire and Burn Foundation and directed it for 30 years.

With it, she developed the first school “smoke drill,” which, her son said, “was taught to millions of school-children across the country. She took part in the creation of fire safety films and stronger flammable fabrics standards and talked about fire safety at local schools.”

Her theory that smoke inhalation was the leading cause of death among fire victims, Russell said, was “very important because many burn patients die of injuries to the breathing tubes. Anne was a kind of indomitable soul.”

Dr. Andrew L. Warshaw, chief of surgery at MGH, said he believed Dr. Phillips was “the first woman surgeon on the faculty at MGH,” a Harvard teaching hospital. The work she had done, he said, “had a long, lasting impact” on the field of fire prevention and, as a member of Dr. Cope’s team, on the care and therapy of burn victims.”

Three years ago, the Washington-based, nonprofit Home Safety Council and the Congressional Fire Services Institute, representing the fire caucus on Capitol Hill, established the Anne W. Phillips Award to recognize the contributions of others in the same cause.

Meri-K Appy, council president, said the award was inspired by Dr. Phillips’s minority report as a member of the presidential commission, urging a greater emphasis on fire safety education. “Anne stood alone and was passionate about her beliefs.” Appy said. “She was a hugely accomplished person with a huge sense of humor.”

“Mother was a very determined woman interested in other people,” said her daughter, Anne Phillips Ogilby, of Belmont. “She didn’t really care whether you were the queen or the cab driver, she was going to treat every person the same. She was a warm and loving mother with a wonderful sense of humor.”

Dr. Phillips’ father had been a lawyer and her grandfather in the newspaper business, but she knew at the age of 5 that she wanted to be a doctor. “Mother was very determined about it,” Ogilby said.

She was born at home in Brookline, where she grew up, attended the Park School and graduated from Winsor School in Boston in 1935. She graduated from Bryn Mawr College in Pennsylvania in 1939.

She had wanted to go to Harvard Medical School, but women were not yet accepted there. She enrolled in the medical school of the University of Pennsylvania, one of the few medical schools then accepting women, and earned her medical degree in 1943.

Her first residency was at Burlington County Hospital at Mount Holly, N.J. "On the first night," she wrote for a talk she gave, "I had 130 patients in my care. In the succeeding night and weeks, you worked for 100 hours a week at 4 cents-an-hour."

She had wanted a senior surgical residency, but because Burlington County had none open to women, she moved on to Laird Memorial Hospital in Montgomery, West Va., which did. Many of her patients were coal miners, often hurt in mine accidents.

In the late 1940s, when the country was concerned about nuclear radiation from atomic bombs, Dr. Phillips trained briefly at the Oak Ridge Institute of Nuclear Studies in Tennessee. While there, she served on the federal Atomic Energy Commission.

In 1956, she married Asa E. Phillips, Jr., a Boston attorney. The family lived in Brookline for many years, and spent summers in Seal Harbor, Maine, where the couple were avid sailors and played tennis into their 80s. Dr. Phillips moved to Fox Hill Village 12 years ago after the death of her husband.

At 87, Dr. Phillips wrote the novel, "The Corners In Time," about a woman who becomes a doctor and the struggles she faced. Her second novel, "The Foothills of Happiness," is in publication.

Perhaps among her most accomplishments was educating others what to do in a fire. There is a favorite photo of herself that appeared in the Globe in 1983. She is surrounded by children at the Runkle School in Brookline with a poster that warns, "Stay Below Smoke."

"The first rule of fire safety," she is quoted as telling the children, is, "Get on the floor and crawl as low as possible."

There is no telling, Appy said, how many lives Anne Phillips has saved.

Besides her son and her daughter, Dr. Phillips leaves four grandchildren. A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. on March 28 at First Parish, Brookline.■

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