

Mike Wieder Receives IAFC President's Award

Mike Wieder, IFSTA Executive Director, received on behalf of IFSTA/FPP one of three IAFC President's Awards of Recognition at the Friday, August 16, General Session at Fire-Rescue International (FRI) in Chicago.

Every year at FRI, the IAFC President honors individuals from the fire and emergency service community who have contributed in a significant way during the President's term. IAFC President Chief Hank Clemmensen selected Mike representing IFSTA/FPP in recognition of personal and organizational dedication to firefighter safety and Mike's leadership ensuring the ongoing success of the National Firefighter Near-Miss Reporting System.



Steve Westermann, former IAFC President and member of the IFSTA Executive Board said, "Mike and IFSTA received one of three IAFC Presidential Awards for stepping in and saving the Near Miss Program this past year. It is well noted in IAFC circles that if it didn't happen, Near Miss would have been a direct hit and the valuable resource no longer available. Thanks Mike and IFSTA!"

Mike only assumed credit for the idea that the Near Miss Reporting System could migrate to the IFSTA Fire Protection Publications (FPP) servers at Oklahoma State University when the funding was lost. Mike credits Director, Craig Hannan and the FPP Information Technology staff for providing the resources to "make it happen".

Congratulations to Mike and the IFSTA/FPP staff members!