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Billy Goldfeder Receives 2007 IFSTA Everett E. Hudiburg Award

Deputy Fire Chief Billy Goldfeder of the Loveland-Symmes FD in southwestern Ohio is the 2007 recipient of the Everett E. Hudiburg Memorial Award. Some of the nation's most notable fire service leaders have set the standard of achievement for this award, which annually honors an individual who has contributed significantly to firefighter training. Billy accepted the accolades of his colleagues and the IFSTA Executive Board at the opening ceremonies of the 2007 IFSTA Validation Conference held on July 8, 2007, in Tulsa, OK.

Billy has received numerous previous awards, and is a popular speaker and educator on the fire service seminar circuit. IFSTA Board President Jeffrey Morrisette said, "Billy's passionate presentations have influenced tens of thousands of firefighters. In presenting this award to him, the IFSTA Executive Board recognizes Billy's tireless efforts as an advocate for firefighter safety and fire service education. It is doubtful that anyone in the American fire service spends as much energy on this cause as does Billy Goldfeder."

Billy began his fire service career in 1973 with the Manhasset-Lakeville FD in Long Island, NY. Since then, he has served in a number of fire departments, including terms as fire chief in Ohio, Virginia, and Florida. In 2001, Billy was appointed an honorary battalion chief of FDNY. He is a graduate of the National Fire Academy Executive Fire Officer program. Billy has served as a member or chair of numerous fire service organizations. He is an associate/contributing editor for several national, state, and regional fire magazines, as well as WithTheCommand.com and Firehouse.com. He also is a member of the FETN Advisory Board.