

**October 2007**

**CFDIA Honors Surprise IFSTA Board Chairman**

**Morrisette Named Connecticut Instructor of the Year**

On October 3, 2007, IFSTA Board Chairman, OSU alumnus, and Connecticut State Fire Administrator Jeff Morrisette was named Instructor of the Year by the Connecticut Fire Department Instructors Association at a banquet in Rocky Hill, CT. Mike Wieder was keynote speaker and was delighted to be on hand to see Jeff receive his well deserved recognition.

Fred Piechota, a retired co-worker, presented the award, commenting that he has seen Jeff give time after time an unwavering desire and commitment on his part to provide the highest level of instructional and educational services and opportunities to Connecticut's Fire Service without any regard for personal gratification or public acknowledgement.

Piechota noted, "Whether it is working with the Governor's office or the Legislature on fire service training related matters, with the Regional Fire Schools and local departments regarding training opportunities, or with the staff at the Connecticut Fire Academy to provide the support they need to ensure high quality instruction, I can think of no one better to receive this year's award." □