



## 2017 Life Safety Achievement Award Winners

Departments across the United States were recently presented with a Life Safety Achievement Award for its fire prevention accomplishments in 2017 by the National Association of State Fire Marshals (NASFM) Fire Research and Education Foundation. Award recipients were announced by Julius Halas, president of the NASFM Fire Research & Education Foundation. The award is sponsored by a grant from Grinnell Mutual.

“When we hear the fire truck coming down the street and see its lights, we know firefighters are responding to someone in trouble,” said David Miller, assistant vice president of Special Investigations at Grinnell Mutual. “What we want to recognize is that these heroes are doing a lot of things behind the scenes that save lives. The Life Safety Achievement Award recognizes fire departments for their fire prevention programs that have been proven to save lives year after year.”

Since 1994, the Life Safety Achievement Award has recognized local fire prevention efforts that have contributed to reducing the number of lives lost in residential fires. Thirty-one fire departments across the United States received the award this year for recording zero fire deaths in 2017 or reducing fire deaths by at least 10 percent during the year. In addition, award recipients documented active and effective fire prevention programs as well as a clear commitment to reducing the number of house fires in the community.

Although residential fires in the U.S. account for only 20 percent of all fires, they result in 80 percent of all fire deaths. The NASFM Fire Research and Education Foundation is committed to reducing that number.

“Experience tells us that fire prevention activity and public education can significantly reduce life and property loss from residential fires,” Halas said. “Prevention and education are very cost effective compared to the traditional approach of relying on fire suppression.”

Award Recipients:

Fire department:	City	State
MCAS Yuma Fire Department	Yuma	AZ
University of California Irvine	Irvine	CA
Lake Mary Fire Department	Lake Mary	FL
Lakeland Fire Department	Lakeland	FL
New Sharon Fire & Rescue	New Sharon	IA
Gilman Fire Protection District	Gilman	IL
New Lenox Fire Protection District	New Lenox	IL
South Holland Fire Department	South Holland	IL
Andover Fire-Rescue	Andover	KS
Mulvane Fire and Rescue	Mulvane	KS
Owensboro Fire Department	Owensboro	KY

Norton Shores Fire Department	Norton Shores	MI
Olivet Fire Department	Olivet	MI
Saugatuck Township Fire District	Saugatuck	MI
Braham Fire Department	Braham	MN
Brooten Fire/Rescue	Brooten	MN
Golden Valley Fire Department	Golden Valley	MN
Fort Osage Fire Protection District	Buckner	MO
Chillicothe Fire Department	Chillicothe	MO
Vance County Fire Department	Henderson	NC
Glassboro Fire Department	Glassboro	NJ
South Bay Fire Department	Cicero	NY
Peebles	Peebles	OH
Georgetown City Fire Department	Georgetown	SC
Clear Lake Fire and Rescue	Clear Lake	SD
Selmer Fire Department	Selmer	TN
Watauga Fire Department	Watauga	TX
JEB-Little Creek Fort Story NRMAFES	Virginia Beach	VA
Navy Region Mid-Atlantic Fire & Emergency Services, Fire District 3, NAS Oceana	Virginia Beach	VA
Hartford Fire & Rescue	Hartford	WI
Middleton Fire District	Middleton	WI

## About NASFM Fire Research & Education Foundation

The NASFM Fire Research & Education Foundation is a public interest group whose mission is to reduce residential fire deaths and injuries. The Foundation advocates the use of residential fire sprinklers, smoke alarms, carbon monoxide detectors and teaching people fire-safe behavior. The Foundation assists fire departments with implementing residential sprinkler/smoke alarm programs on a local basis. The Foundation's partners include the United States Fire Administration, the National Association of State Fire Marshals and private industry/associations with an interest in and commitment to residential fire safety.

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