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**Frankfort Fire Protection District, (IL) Awarded with First National Fire Fighter
Near-Miss Reporting System Safety Leadership Award**

Atlanta, Ga., Aug. 25, 2007--The Frankfort Fire Protection District received the award at Fire Rescue International because of the dedication and utilization of the near-miss program within their department. The Frankfort districts firm stance and support of safety and care of one another has led them to fully embrace the program by all the members of the department, especially the leadership.

Chief James M. Grady III received the award in honor of his safety conscious department, including Lieutenant Todd Hamm and Lieutenant Nick Peters who are avid users and promoters of the near-miss program within the department. Peters wrote the award winning essay explaining how important near-miss is to their department from day to day he said, "The answer is yes, injury can be minimized, but only to a certain extent due to the fact that some things happen just because. The main reason I say these injuries could be minimized is in direct relation to the reviewing of these near-miss reports."

The award was presented to Chief James M. Grady III on behalf of his department by James Harmes (IAFC President 2006-2007), IAFC Executive Director Mark Light, and Near-Miss Program Manager John Tippet. After receiving the award Chief Grady said, "I am humbled to receive this award but would not be standing here if it was not for the support and embracing of the near-miss program by everyone in our department. I hope in receiving this award other departments will realize how important this program is to firefighter safety."

About The National Fire Fighter Near-Miss Reporting System

The National Fire Fighter Near-Miss Reporting System (www.firefighternearmiss.com) has been created to lower the fatality and injury rates among fire fighters. This web-based, voluntary, non-punitive, anonymous and secure system encourages reporters to submit their near-miss experiences in the hopes that lessons learned from their experiences will save a life or prevent an injury. Near-Miss hopes to continue to annually award a deserving department with the National Fire Fighter Near-Miss Reporting System Safety Leadership Award.

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