

# SENATOR PAUL S. SARBANES FIRE SERVICE SAFETY LEADERSHIP AWARD



*A former member of the U.S. House of Representatives and the United States Senate until his retirement in 2006, Senator Paul S. Sarbanes was a major force in the U.S. Congress, advocating for our nation's fire and emergency services. In 1992, Senator Sarbanes became a Co-Chairman of the Congressional Fire Services Caucus; between 2001 and 2002, he served as Chairman of the Fire Caucus, the largest caucus in Congress with over 350 members. In 1997, Senator Sarbanes received the Congressional Fire Services Institute's Legislator of the Year Award in recognition of his many outstanding contributions to the fire and emergency services.*

Sponsored by the Congressional Fire Services Institute and the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation, the Senator Paul S. Sarbanes Fire Service Safety Leadership Award is in recognition of the Senator's support for the two organizations and their shared goals to reduce firefighter deaths and injuries. The Senator's greatest legacy to the fire service is the legislation he introduced that established the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation in Emmitsburg, Maryland in 1990. With corporate support from VFIS and State Farm Insurance Company, the Senator Paul S. Sarbanes Fire Service Safety Leadership Award will keep national awareness on efforts to reduce the number of deaths and injuries in the fire and emergency services.

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## *Award Goals*

Each year, a public safety organization can be recommended to receive the Senator Paul S. Sarbanes Fire Service Safety Leadership Award. Organizations nominated for the award should exemplify one or more of the following goals:

- Helping to advance the Life Safety Initiatives originally developed by the American fire service during the 2004 National Fire Service Summit hosted by the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation.
- Recognizing the need to address firefighter health and safety and becoming an advocate for this cause.
- Promoting and supporting firefighter health and safety initiatives at the local, state or national level.
- Reaching out to other organizations and developing partnerships to further the cause of firefighter health and safety.
- Engaging government leaders at all levels to work together for changes and for the establishment of government programs that can enhance the personal safety of firefighters.

## *Award Eligibility*

- A candidate organization can be, but is not limited to, a fire department or other government agency, trade association, labor organization, non-profit organization, foundation or other deserving organization or company.
- The actions or achievements for which the candidate is being considered must have made a positive impact in promoting firefighter health and safety at the local, state or national level.
- The nomination must include at least two letters of support from elected officials who are familiar with the organization's leadership. It is not imperative that the elected officials serve at the same level (i.e., local, state or federal).

## *Selection Committee*

The Selection Committee is comprised of three Board Members each from the Congressional Fire Services Institute and the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation, and the Chairperson of the CFSI National Advisory Committee, who will serve as Chair of the Selection Committee. The award recipient will be the sole decision of the Selection Committee.

## *Award*

- The recipient of the Senator Paul S. Sarbanes Fire Service Safety Leadership Award will be honored at the annual National Fire and Emergency Services Dinner held each spring in Washington, D.C.
- The award recipient will receive an all-expense paid trip to our Nation's Capitol to be honored at the most important evening for our nation's fire and emergency services.

## *Award Submission*

- To be considered for this award, the organization can submit its own nomination or be nominated by someone outside their organization.
- An abstract of between 200-500 words detailing how the candidate has successfully contributed to the goal set forth in this award must be included with the application form. The initiative for which the candidate is being recognized can be specific to a fire department, or address firefighter health and safety at the state or national level. Moreover, the application may include any statistical or analytical data available illustrating the effectiveness of the program.
- **Candidate nominations must be received by March 4, 2012 at: Senator Paul S. Sarbanes Fire Service Safety Leadership Award, c/o CFSI, 900 Second Street, NE, Suite 303, Washington, DC, 20002.**