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DIVISION CHIEF SAMON NAMED ‘FIRE MARSHAL OF THE YEAR’

(TEMPLE TERRACE, FL. – 1/23/15) – Division Chief Shane Samon of the Temple Terrace Fire Department has been named Florida’s 2014 *Fire Marshal of the Year*, state fire officials announced.

Samon was presented the award Thursday by the Florida Fire Chiefs’ Association during its Fire-Rescue East conference in Daytona Beach. The award honors a fire marshal that has demonstrated a commitment to reduce losses associated with fire and other hazards through progressive leadership, dedication and valuable contributions to the field of fire prevention.

Under Samon’s leadership, the Fire Department in 2014 attained a Class I Fire Suppression Rating, a designation that puts the Temple Terrace Fire Department in the top one-percentile of firefighting agencies in the country. In fact, fewer than 20 fire departments in America are both nationally accredited and have an ISO Class I rating, records show.

“This award was a huge surprise,” said Samon, who joined the Fire Department in 2002. “I was honored to have been nominated by my fire chief, and I am extremely appreciative of the Florida Fire Chiefs’ Association to have been selected for this award. I will continue to strive to do the best I can to help our department move forward.”

Temple Terrace Fire Chief Keith Chapman noted several other accomplishments by Samon over the past year, including his difficult overhaul of the City’s minimum housing code and residential permit program. Samon also beefed up inspections of commercial properties designated as potentially hazardous and implemented important revisions to the local fire prevention code.

“I am very excited that the Florida Fire Chiefs’ Association has recognized the contributions of Chief Samon to our community,” Chapman said. “His hard work and dedication have greatly contributed to our success.”

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