

Jim Dalton Receives Fire Safety Educator Award at CFSI Dinner



The National Fire Sprinkler Association (NFSA) is very proud to announce that the Home Safety Council awarded the inaugural Dr. Anne W. Phillips Award for Leadership in Fire Safety Education to its Director of Public Fire Protection, Jim Dalton. Jim received the award during the Congressional Fire Services Institute's (CFSI) National Fire and Emergency Services Dinner in Washington, D.C. on Thursday, March 29, 2007.

Throughout his career, Dalton has been a national leader committed to keeping people safe from fire through his efforts to advance fire safety education. Dalton rose through the ranks of the fire service in Washington, D.C. and then Montgomery County, Maryland, where he was named Assistant Chief and eventually Chief Fire Marshal for Montgomery County. As the Fire Marshal for the Montgomery County Fire Department, Dalton was instrumental in passing and implementing the nation's first smoke alarm ordinance.

After retiring from active fire service duty, he went on to manage influential public education and awareness programs for the U.S Fire Administration and the International Association of Fire Chiefs, including "Partnerships Against Fire" and "Operation Life Safety."

As Director of Public Fire Protection for NFSA, Jim supports community fire sprinkler initiatives across the nation and has become the driving force behind efforts to pass the Fire Sprinkler Incentive Act. Under his leadership, NFSA has also developed a comprehensive guide to help local fire officials adopt residential and retrofit fire sprinkler ordinances. He also serves on the Steering Committee of the nonprofit Home Fire Sprinkler Coalition where he furthers his work to inform the public about the importance of home fire sprinklers. He remains active with the National Fire Protection Association where he serves on the Board of the NFPA Education Section.

Dr. Anne W. Phillips Award

Named after Dr. Anne Wight Phillips, the award honors her outstanding achievements as a champion of fire safety education and celebrates her role as a leader whose exemplary work in fire safety education has had a lasting impact on the nation's safety. As a member of the National Commission on Fire Prevention and Control, Phillips authored the 1973 Minority Report, an appendix to *America Burning*, pushing the Commission to recognize the important role of prevention in reducing fire injury and death. Throughout her life, Dr. Phillips has demonstrated an unwavering dedication to fire prevention and preparedness, as the basis to strengthening fire safety education across the country. By naming the award in her honor, the Home Safety Council aims to keep the work and spirit of Dr. Phillips alive well beyond her lifetime by celebrating those who follow her example to move the field of fire safety forward.