

CFFCA FIRE CHIEF CRAIG E. HAUN LEADERSHIP AWARD BESTOWED UPON WINTER GARDEN RETIRED FIRE CHIEF.....

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Central Florida Fire Chiefs' Association President John Miller, accompanied by Maria Haun and 2018 award recipient Chief Michael Johansmeyer, presented the 2020 Chief Craig E. Haun Leadership Award to Winter Garden Fire Rescue Department's Retired Fire Chief Matt McGrew at the March 10th, 2022 General Membership meeting. The bestowment of this prestigious award was in recognition of Chief McGrew's proven stellar leadership, his tireless personal passion and care for the "boots on the ground" and his significant career accomplishments spanning 42 years serving Orla Vista Fire District, Orange County Fire Rescue, and the Winter Garden Fire Rescue Department. A quote from the nominee stated: "Chief McGrew leads in a manner that can best be described as – servant leadership. Chief McGrew always sets clear goals, high expectations, but serves to support all of the employees in the department in achievement of those goals. He leads in a calm, inspiring and genuine way, with completely open communication to the entire team. He works hard to build a company culture around employees who make service a priority." CONGRATS ARE IN ORDER to Retired Fire Chief McGrew!

The Fire Chief Craig E. Haun Leadership Award was established in 2015 by the CFFCA Board of Directors in remembrance and honor of Chief Craig Haun for the purpose of keeping Craig's fire service legacy alive. The inaugural award was presented posthumously on November 24th, 2015 to Maria Haun and the Haun family on the first anniversary of Chief Haun's passing during a special dedication ceremony held at the Lake Mary Fire Department. The award's design incorporates a photo of Chief Haun and is presented on an annual basis to a highly deserving Central Florida fire rescue leader as determined by a CFFCA nominations review and selection committee. For more information on the award and process, please contact cffca-info@cffca.us.



The CFFCA has a longstanding history since its incorporation in 1964 and has proudly served the Central Florida fire-rescue service for 58 years. The association spans the four-county area of Orange, Seminole, Osceola, and Lake with 25 member agencies and over 230 chief officers, including corporate partners. Under the leadership of President John Miller, association meetings are held the 2nd

Thursday of each month at the Hilton located in Altamonte Springs unless otherwise announced. For more information on the CFFCA please browse the website at www.cffca.us.

Editorial Note: Delay in award presentations were due to the COVID pandemic years of 2020 and 2021 when CFFCA activities were suspended.

Group Photo [L to R: Maria Haun, CFFCA President John Miller, Retired Fire Chief Matt McGrew, and Fire Chief Michael Johansmeyer]