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Media Release

Local Fire Chief selected as Illinois Fire Chief of the Year

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The Signal Hill Fire Department is proud to announce that Fire Chief Greg Render has been named Illinois Fire Chief of the Year – Volunteer Sector.

Render was selected as Chief of the Year based on his many accomplishments throughout his career in the fire service. Chief Render has been a member of the fire service for 38 years. In January 1992, Render was elected Chief of the Department by its members.

Chief Render has served on many committees with several organizations throughout the county, the region, the state, and throughout the country. Chief Render is former President of the Illinois Fire Chiefs Association. His work with the St. Clair/Monroe County Fire Chiefs Association since its inception has brought valuable assets to the county, and his contacts throughout the country have proven invaluable to help solve problems on a local basis.

Chief Render currently serves as a lead instructor with the International Fire Chiefs Association. His service with the IFCA includes instructing other fire chiefs all over the United States.

Chief Render holds a Bachelors Degree from Greenville College and is an Executive Fire Officer thru the National Fire Academy in Emmitsburg, Maryland. Chief Render also has an Associates of Applied Science Degree in Aircraft Maintenance.

Chief Render was presented his award at the Illinois Fire Chiefs Symposium in Peoria Illinois on May 14, 2009. He was presented with a medal and campaign ribbon for his uniform and an acrylic tabletop award.

Chief Render was chosen by a selections committee consisting of members of the fire service, as well as the private sector, including the General Manager of Northbrook based Underwriters Laboratories, Robert Bernd and General Supervisor of Communities Relations of Naperville based NiCor, Margi Schiemann.

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