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Battalion Chief Ed Hartin has been selected to receive the Oregon Fire Service Meritorious Awards – Award of Excellence. The Award will be presented at the annual banquet in Portland on May 19<sup>th</sup>.

The Award of Excellence may be presented to any individual who performs one or more of the following:

An act of intelligence and valuable service, demonstrating special faithfulness or perseverance.

Highly credible acts of fire service over an extended period of time.

Continuous professionalism, as indicated by superiors and performance evaluations, or who has, in a specific instance, performed his/her duties in a particularly admirable manner.

Developed a program, process or equipment that positively affects the Fire Service.

Chief Hartin came to Gresham Fire & Emergency Services with significant previous experience. This experience, his fire services knowledge, and drive for continuing education and improvement set a high standard for all of our personnel.

Chief Hartin has been with our organization for ten years, and has developed training and safety programs that not only sets the standard for others to follow, he raises the bar. With his leadership, we have developed excellent company and command officers that assure effective scene control and management, while constantly being aware of firefighter's safety. He consistently demonstrates his leadership skills with every issue that he has faced.

Chief Hartin exemplifies life long learning and continuous improvement. He has completed the Executive Fire Officers program at the National Fire Academy and holds a Masters Degree in Education from Portland State University. He is currently working towards his EdD in Education.

Chief Hartin is the co-author of 3D Fire Fighting, published by Fire Protection Publications, Oklahoma State University. The June 2005 edition of *Wired* magazine included a six page article on the firefighting technique being taught by Battalion Chief Ed Hartin.

More important than his individual accomplishments, is his selfless dedication to the fire service as a whole. Chief Hartin has been asked to instruct firefighters and fire officers in Australia, Malaysia, and Great Brittan. His willingness to share his knowledge for the benefit of others is a true gift.

Chief Hartin has been selected to present testimony at the National Institute of Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) Firefighter Fatality Investigation and Prevention Program public stakeholders meeting in March of this year.

The Institution of Fire Engineers (IFE), with headquarters in the United Kingdom, and its subsidiary, the United States of America (US) Branch, has accepted Chief Hartin into membership in their international fire engineering organization. Chief Hartin met stringent admission requirements and criteria including academic qualifications, professional, and fire service qualifications to qualify for membership.

For the year 2005, a committee of his peers nominated and selected Chief Hartin to receive Gresham Fire's Exceptional Service Award, for his ongoing dedication to firefighter training and safety.