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GLENDALE FIRE CHIEF AWARDED 2011 CHIEF FIRE OFFICER OF THE YEAR

GLENDALE, Ariz. – Glendale Fire Chief Mark Burdick has been named the Chief Fire Officer of the Year by the Arizona Fire Chiefs Association (AFCA). The award was presented to Burdick by Larry Rooney, AFCA’s Immediate Past President, at last night’s Glendale City Council Meeting.

Members of the AFCA nominate one of their peers each year for this top award. As past president of the AFCA, Burdick led chief fire officers throughout the state providing unified guidance on fire service issues and concerns as well as focusing on core areas including the health and safety of firefighters. Burdick is an excellent example of a progressive and innovative fire service professional, according to the AFCA.

AFCA also selected Burdick to receive this award based on his focus on the Regional Automatic Aid System as demonstrated through his championing of several Glendale Fire Department programs including the Glendale Regional Public Safety Training Center, the Helicopter Air-Medical and Logistical Operations (HALO) project, and the Regional Health Center, all of which are now considered national fire service best practices.

Burdick has been the Glendale Fire Chief since 2002 and became a Glendale Firefighter/Paramedic in 1983. Burdick’s B.A. is in Fire Service Management and his M.A. is in Human Resource Management.



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