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PFH Honors Patty Jackson & Its Own at Annual Fire Prevention Dinner Dance

Philadelphia, PA: On Friday, October 2, Fire Commissioner Sawyer, the Philadelphia Fire Department and the Citizens for Fire Prevention Committee will host their 44th Annual Fire Prevention Dinner Dance and honor three stars in the fight for Freedom from Fire. Local celeb and WDAS radio personality, Patty Jackson will receive the T. Seddon Duke Fire Prevention-Civilian Award at this year’s venue, Sheraton Philadelphia University City Hotel located at 3549 Chestnut Street.

The evening’s activities will kick off with cocktail hour at 6:30 p.m., followed by dinner and the awards program at 7:45 p.m. The T. Seddon Duke Uniformed Member Award will be presented to Battalion Chief Michael A. Richey and the Richard A. Bailey Fire Code Officer of the Year Award will be presented to Lieutenant Tyrone Goodwin.

The T. Seddon Duke Award is a memorial fire prevention award honoring Mr. Duke, a past president of the National Fire Protection Association and longtime friend of the fire service, and is presented in two categories. One award is given to a civilian that has excelled in the field of fire prevention activities. The second category honors a uniformed member of the Fire Department who has contributed exceptionally to the fire prevention efforts of the Department. This will mark the 50th presentation of these awards. The Richard A. Bailey Fire Code Officer of the Year Award is named after the retired Deputy Chief of the Fire Code Unit. Chief Bailey retired in 2013 with a solid record of leadership, hard work and dedication to the Philadelphia Fire Department. This is the 10th presentation of this award.

AWARD RECIPIENTS

Ms. Jackson was born and raised in South Philadelphia and is a 32 year radio veteran. Her warm and conversational style is a standout in Philadelphia radio and her strong community and civic involvement distinguishes her as a woman with a golden heart. Ms. Jackson has been an enthusiastic supporter of the Philadelphia Fire Department’s Community Risk Reduction Campaign by keeping the public informed about our fire safety and prevention efforts.

Battalion Chief Michael A. Richey is currently assigned to the Fire Prevention (FP) Division and is a 23 year veteran of the Department. His tenure in the Division includes the oversight of the “Freedom From Fire” grant campaign as well as other significant endeavors in the Community Risk Reduction effort leading to noteworthy achievements. He served four years in the U.S. Navy and completed Fire Department assignments at various stations including center city, west and north Philadelphia.

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Lieutenant Tyrone Goodwin is currently assigned to the Fire Code Unit and is a 23 year veteran of the Department. As a Fire Inspector he has worked diligently to give the Department and citizens of Philadelphia excellent service. His work ethic has consistently been in line with the mission of the Philadelphia Fire Department.

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