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To: All State and Field Offices
From: Director, Office of Fire and Aviation
Subject: Recipient of the National Wildland Fire Safety Award

I am pleased to announce that the recipient of this year's National Wildland Fire Safety Award is Mr. Jim Ward, Fixed Wing Specialist (retired), Alaska Fire Service. Jim's thirty plus years of dedicated service to the Bureau significantly contributed to the safety of firefighters through his efforts in ramp operations, his active participation on Incident and Area Teams for many years, and his involvement in the Bureau's Aerial Supervisor Module program.

Recognition was given to Charley Martin, Fuels Specialist, Craig (Colorado) Field Office for his support of the newly formed Interagency Hotshot Crew stationed in Craig, as well as his efforts in firefighter training.

Recognition was also given to the Medford (Oregon) District for their active participation and progressive efforts in implementing the new "Six Minutes for Safety" training program within their District.

The above were all recognized at the recent National Fire & Aviation Conference. I want to thank all of you who provided nominations, and especially thank the aforementioned for their efforts to improve firefighter safety and for being safety champions.

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