



# The SIREN UPDATE

## Division of EMS Presents 5 Awards at the 2nd Annual Ohio Fire Awards Ceremony held at the Columbus Division of Fire Training Academy October 14, 2011



Ohio Volunteer Fire Department of the Year:  
Western Reserve Joint Fire District (Poland)

*Recognized for their ongoing commitment to training, education and increased services to their community.*

*Western Reserve Joint Fire District progressed from approximately 36 volunteer firefighters responding to 175 calls in 1999 to 75 fire and EMS volunteers responding to 847 calls in 2010. Over 75 percent of the firefighters maintain a FFII certification, 20 percent maintain a FFI certification and the remainder carry the minimum level 36-hour certification.*



Ohio Fire Service Instructor of the Year:  
Jeremy Linn, Instructor (Springfield)

*Recognized for exceeding in his volunteering efforts by helping students outside the classroom and instilling professional attitudes regardless of whether the person is a volunteer, paid, or part-time firefighter.*

*Jeremy has the rare ability of bridging the differences and building partnerships and team work on the drill ground. Jeremy's pass rate for completion of the courses at Clark State is at an outstanding 98 percent.*



Ohio Fire Officer of the Year:  
Todd German, Retired Fire Chief (Richwood)

*Todd launched an explorer post at his department in 2001 that has grown into the Ohio Youth Fire and EMS Training Academy. This past year, the 8th annual event was attended by 74 youth coming from Ohio, Kentucky, Indiana, West Virginia, and New Jersey.*



Ohio Fire Educator Lifetime Achievement:  
Jim Shriver, Assistant Director (Wooster)

*Jim Shriver was instrumental in the creation of the Wayne County Regional Fire Training Center located near Applecreek, on over 60 acres serving approximately 1900 students and 102 fire, ems, law enforcement, and other public/ industrial fire training organizations each year.*

*In 2000, Ohio took the lead in the U.S. by creating and implementing the nation's first Oilfield Emergency Response Training Program.*

*To date, there have been more than 689 firefighters representing 192 Ohio fire departments, 189 cities, 38 Ohio counties, and firefighters from 7 other states that have participated in the training program.*



Ohio Fire Prevention Educator of the Year:  
David Cox, Captain (Columbia Station)

*Captain Cox has served as the lead Fire Prevention Educator for the past ten years and has led a successful fire safety education program in the community. His willingness to work closely with students and school officials with the program speaks volumes on the impact of fire safety in Columbia Township.*

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