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**Ozzie Mirkhah is winner of 1st annual “Excellence in Fire & Life Safety Award”
(award sponsored by the ICC)**

The board of directors of the Fire & Life Safety Section is very pleased to announce that **Azarang (Ozzie) Mirkhah, PE** of the Las Vegas (NV) Fire Rescue Department is the first winner of the new Excellence in Fire & Life Award, sponsored by the International Code Council (ICC). Mr. Mirkhah’s nomination cites his many years of research and ongoing communications efforts on behalf of the 1947 President’s Conference on Fire Prevention. Following is an excerpt from his nominating abstract:

Since the America Burning Report, few have done more to bring a focus to fire prevention in this country. He has spent countless hours of his own time, through writing and speaking, spreading the word about the need for fire prevention. His dynamic style and passion for the subject raises everyone’s awareness of the US fire problem. Ozzie has revitalized the 1947 Presidents Conference on Fire Prevention by retyping the report and making it universally available. It is now a prominent report on the USFA, NFPA, IFMA and other organizations’ website. His grasp of the fire problem, the need for change and his ideas in forwarding fire prevention are at the forefront of the fire service.

Mr. Mirkhah will be presented his award on-stage in the Thomas Murphy Ballroom on Level 5 at Fire Rescue International on Thursday, August 23 during the Education Keynote Address from 8:30 – 10:30am by IAFC 1st Vice President Steve Westermann and Jim Tidwell, ICC’s Senior Vice President.

We thank all who took the trouble to nominate their colleagues and we thank all the nominees for their work; it is truly amazing how many in the fire service are implementing innovative ideas for fire prevention in their communities. We applaud you for your service and dedication, as do your colleagues and peers.