



Georgetown City Fire Department

Always Remember the Charleston Nine – June 18, 2007

Jack M. Scoville, Jr.
Mayor

Chris Eldridge
City Administrator

Joseph K. Tanner
Fire Chief

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(Georgetown October 31, 2011) – The Georgetown City Fire Department has been presented with its third award for its fire safety program. During the SC Fire Chief's Association annual meeting in Anderson, SC, this year, the department was awarded the Richard B. Campbell Award for Excellence in Public Fire Safety Education.

Fire Chief Joey Tanner presented the award to Mayor Jack Scoville Monday. On hand for the presentation was City Administrator Chris Eldridge and the department's fire marshal, Lt. David Holcombe.

"This is a great award for the City of Georgetown", said Chief Tanner, "It means our Public Fire Safety Education program is one of the best in the state. I'm proud of the work our men and women do to promote fire safety."



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Mayor Scoville was very appreciative of the honor and had many praises for the department's hard work in Public Fire Safety Education. Administrator Eldridge also praised the department's efforts noting this was the third time the department has received this award.

The award, the highest for Fire Safety Education in South Carolina, has been won by the department for 2011 and again in 2009 and 2004. The South Carolina Association of State Fire Chiefs recognizes departments each year, based on population size and type of department, for the quality of their Public Fire Safety Programs.

"The front line in fire prevention is education. Our firefighters and our Fire Marshal are making presentations to schools and organizations all the time promoting habits that prevent fire", said Chief Tanner. "I am very proud of our program and happy that our guys have been rewarded for their efforts. There is no way we can quantify how many fires our firefighters have prevented just though educating people. Preventing fire is a habit we must understand long before the conditions that start a fire come together, and our program is promoting that everyday."

The Richard S. Campbell award is named after former South Carolina State Fire Marshal Richard Campbell. In addition to fire code enforcement he believed in a higher educational effort to promote fire safety.



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(Editor's Note: the picture attached is left to right, Fire Marshal David Holcombe, City Administrator Chris Eldridge, Fire Chief Joseph K. Tanner and Mayor Jack M. Scoville, Jr.)



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