

# Year's record for safety nets award

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**C**ongratulations to the Winter Park Fire Department. It recently was awarded a Life Safety Achievement Award by Operation Life Safety, a national organization with the goal of reducing fire deaths and injuries.

The award goes to fire departments that have not had a fire fatality in the previous year. Winter Park's department was one of 206 departments throughout the country to receive the award. The department had only one civilian injured by fire in 1996.

Fire Chief Dennis Sargent said he is proud of the award because it indicates that the department's efforts to educate residents and prevent fires are paying off.

The award is given by the International Association of Fire Chiefs, the U.S. Fire Administration and private groups.

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