



## TEMPLE TERRACE FIRE DEPARTMENT NEWS RELEASE

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### ***TEMPLE TERRACE FIRE DEPARTMENT EARNS SAFETY AWARD***

**(TEMPLE TERRACE, FL. – 10/17/07)** – The Temple Terrace Fire Department has been honored with a *Life Safety Achievement Award* for the year 2007, presented by the Residential Fire Safety Institute.

For 15 years, the Life Safety Achievement Award has recognized fire-prevention activities that contribute to reducing residential fire fatalities. The Temple Terrace Fire Department qualified for the 2007 award by recording zero fire deaths during that calendar year.

Although residential fires in the United States account for only 20 percent of all fires, they result in 80 percent of all fire deaths, according to the institute.

“Experience tells us that fire-prevention activity and public education can significantly reduce life and property loss from residential fires,” said RFSI Director Roy L. Marshall.

“The Fire Department is always proud to be recognized for excellence in service,” said Temple Terrace Fire Chief Keith Chapman. “This award demonstrates our commitment to public education and the reduction of fire-related deaths.”

The Iowa-based Residential Fire Safety Institute is a public interest group whose mission is to reduce residential fire deaths and injuries. A total of 745 fire departments nationally earned the Life Safety Achievement Award for 2007, the institute noted.

For more information, contact the Temple Terrace Fire Department at (813) 506-6700.

To learn more about the RFSI, visit [www.firesafehome.org](http://www.firesafehome.org).

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