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TEMPLE TERRACE FIRE DEPARTMENT EARNS SAFETY AWARD

(TEMPLE TERRACE, FL. – 11/28/07) – The Temple Terrace Fire Department has been honored with a *Life Safety Achievement* award for the year 2006, presented by the Residential Fire Safety Institute.

For 14 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 2006 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.

“We are always excited to receive recognition for our accomplishments,” said Temple Terrace Fire Chief Keith Chapman. “We take pride in serving our community and continually look for ways to improve our service.”

“We feel strongly that fire-safety education is important and enhances our ability to protect our citizens,” he said. “Even though this award uses zero deaths as a criterion, we are confident our educational programs reduce injuries as well.”

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 685 fire departments nationally earned the Life Safety Achievement award for 2006, the institute noted.

For more information, contact the Temple Terrace Fire Department at (813) 989-7121.

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