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LONGTIME FIRE SERVICE ADVOCATE VICKIE PRITCHETT RECEIVES NFFF'S GLATFELTER DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD

EMMITSBURG, Md. - The National Fallen Firefighters Foundation (NFFF) has recognized Ms. Vickie Pritchett as the newest recipient of the Foundation's Arthur J. Glatfelter Distinguished Service Award.

Ms. Pritchett serves as the Vice President/Executive Officer at the National Fire Sprinkler Association (NFSA) and is being recognized for her many and varied contributions to the NFFF, according to Troy Markel, Chair of the NFFF Board of Directors. "Vickie is a tireless advocate for the Foundation and the fire service in general," Markel said. "Her dedication sets the bar for the rest of us to follow."

Vickie is a long-time advocate for safety throughout the fire service and for NFFF, specifically. Her constant support of and participation in numerous NFFF events and activities, such as the Memorial Weekend, the Truman Fire Forums and Firefighter Life Safety Summits, and most recently the U.S. Fire Administrator's Summit on Fire Prevention and Control and the subsequent "Fire Stop Tour." She is a key component of the Foundation's national leadership efforts *and* strategic grassroots programming. Her impressive resume and influence throughout the fire service is well known, and her support of NFFF is constant.

"Vickie is the true embodiment of the spirit of the Glatfelter award, which recognizes outstanding contributions to support and further the mission of the NFFF. For many years, her innovative thinking and great leadership have not only benefitted the Foundation but have promoted firefighter safety and amplified the voice of safety in the fire service overall. I am confident that her impact as a connector, liaison, spokesperson, and hands-on partner for the NFFF will continue for years to come," said Chief Ron Siarnicki, Executive Director of the NFFF.

The NFFF created the Arthur J. Glatfelter Distinguished Service Award to recognize exceptional service to the NFFF by men and women who continue in support of Glatfelter's legacy as a champion of the fire service. In 1969, Glatfelter created the Volunteer Fireman's Insurance Services (VFIS), the first company of its kind to meet the insurance needs for volunteer firefighters. Glatfelter was also an enthusiastic advocate for the NFFF and its mission and

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served for many years on the Foundation's Board of Directors.

Ms. Pritchett was presented the Glatfelter Distinguished Service Award by Tony Campisi, Chairman of the Glatfelter Insurance Group, on September 27, 2023 during the opening session of Firehouse Expo in The Greater Columbus Convention Center in Columbus, Ohio. "Vickie Pritchett represents everything that Art Glatfelter stood for," Campisi said. "We are grateful for leaders who carry the standard for the fire service, and it's a privilege to present Vickie with this award."

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About the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation

The United States Congress created the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation to lead a nationwide effort to remember America's fallen firefighters. Since 1992, the nonprofit Foundation has developed and expanded programs to honor fallen fire heroes and support their families, colleagues, and organizations. The Foundation also works closely with the U.S. Fire Administration in an effort to reduce preventable firefighter death and injury. For more information on the NFFF and its programs, visit www.firehero.org.

About the National Fire Sprinkler Association

The National Fire Sprinkler Association was founded in 1905 and wants to create a more fire safe world and works to heighten the awareness of the importance of fire sprinkler systems from homes to high-rise and all occupancies in between. The Association is an inclusive organization made up of dedicated and committed members of a progressive life-saving industry. This industry manufactures, designs, supplies, installs, inspects, and services the world's most effective system in saving lives and property from uncontrolled structural fires. For more information about fire sprinklers, how they work, and access to additional resources and information, visit www.nfsa.org for the latest material, statistics, and a dedicated team of fire safety advocates ready to serve all stakeholders in order to fulfill the vision of a safer world.

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