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Oshkosh's Fire Chief awarded "Fire Chief of the Year" honor
Award was presented by the Wisconsin State Fire Chiefs' Association

OSHKOSH, Wis., July 6, 2021 – Chief Michael Stanley of the City of Oshkosh Fire Department was presented with the 2021 Wisconsin State Fire Chiefs' Association (WSFCA) Chief of the Year Award. The award was presented on June 26th at the Fire Chiefs' conference that was held at Lambeau Field in Green Bay. The award selection criteria emphasize leadership, innovation, professional development, integrity, service to the public and contributions to the fire service as a whole. Nominees for the award are reviewed by a selection panel comprised of Fire Chiefs from throughout the state.

Among those supporting Chief Stanley's nomination was Oshkosh City Manager Mark Rohloff. "Chief Stanley has met the challenges of the past year, and is poised to continue to deliver public safety services - as well as innovative programs - into the future," commented Rohloff. Chief Stanley was appreciative of the award, saying "I am honored and humbled to receive this award. When I look at the caliber of the Fire Chiefs in the State of Wisconsin that lead their departments, there are so many that deserve the same recognition. Thank you to the Wisconsin State Fire Chiefs Association, the City of Oshkosh, and most importantly the members of the Oshkosh Fire Department. This award is recognition of the work our firefighters do every day to make a difference. I am truly blessed to be their Fire Chief and I have the best job in the world."

Chief Stanley's professional fire service career spans over 25 years. He received the Chief Fire Officer credential from the Center for Public Safety Excellence and has a Master's Degree in Education and Human Resources from Colorado State University. In addition to his professional credentials, he has achieved numerous professional accomplishments. Among them, he created a multi-partner Recruitment Task Force of community stakeholders to improve diversity and inclusion within the fire department. He also took steps to decrease the risk of cancer for firefighters and improve health and safety within the department. For more information, please contact John Holland, Public Information Officer, at (920) 236-5249.

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