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Wayland Firefighter Receives Fire & Life Safety Educator of the Year Award at 24th Annual Fire & Life Safety Education Conference

The 24th annual Fire & Life Safety Education Conference took place September 25-26, 2018 at the Southbridge Hotel and Conference Center. This year's *Managing the Message*, was a challenge to think about the safety messages fire and injury professionals deliver and how to do so more effectively. . .

2018 Fire & Life Safety Educator of the Year Award

The 2018 Fire & Life Safety Educator of the Year Award was presented on September 26 to Wayland Firefighter Todd Winner for a 16-year career focused on community risk reduction (CRR) before the term was coined. The other remarkable nominees recognized for their efforts were: Loren Davine, Executive Director of the NoFires Program; Firefighters Mary Reilly and Kirsten Gebauer, Lanesborough Fire Department; Lt. Laurence Fahey, Middleborough Fire Department; and Inspector Jeffrey Medeiros, New Bedford Fire Department. . .

About the 2018 Fire and Life Safety Educator of the Year

Wayland Firefighter Todd Winner

Todd Winner began his career with the Wayland fire department in 2002 as a firefighter/EMT, and within a year began working with Student Awareness of Fire Education (S.A.F.E.). He became coordinator in 2013, and his efforts have built a reputable, effective program. Winner is passionate about educating all residents, from preschool to older adults, and this is evident in the programs he has developed. In addition to teaching young students, Todd resurrected a high school internship program, of which he was the first intern in the 1998-1999 school year. The 16-week program focuses on skills and hands-on training from *Essentials of Firefighting, Fourth Edition*. Winner also developed a program for seniors that provides them with the support and education to remain safely in their homes for as long as possible. WAY-SECURE is a voluntary program for residents of any age, with or without medical or cognitive conditions. It includes a structured data file, a File of Life, a home safety evaluation and the Safety Net tracking system. This program has been well received in Wayland. FF Winner has successfully built relationships around town that allow him to reach more residents with safety messages. He works with the Recreation Department and takes part in their Summer Adventure camp for children from kindergarten to grade five. Because of his relationships with many groups, Winner is a highly effective, trusted resource for the community. Over time, Wayland has experienced a drop in the frequency and severity of fire incidents which may be directly attributed to the S.A.F.E. and Senior SAFE programs. FF Winner has clearly had a direct impact on the safety of the community. In the spring of 2017, a young girl from Wayland received a Young Hero award for actions she took when she smelled smoke in her home early one morning. She had been educated by Winner. Stories like these show the value that Firefighter Winner brings to the community. He is a positive force for safety, which is reflected in the lives he touches.