

**RECIPIENTS OF THE  
INSTRUCTOR OF THE YEAR AWARD**

- 1974 – Jack Pyle ..... Columbus Fire Dept.
- 1975 – Fred Trager ..... Chemist, PPG, Barberton, Ohio
- 1976 – M. Shad Hanna ..... Bowling Green
- 1977 – Chief Merit Smith ..... Bryan Fire Dept.
- 1978 – Chief Lewis Taylor ..... Swanton Fire Dept.
- 1979 – Capt. Robert Marihugh ..... Defiance Fire Dept.
- 1980 – Capt. Charles Goliver ..... Defiance Fire Dept.
- 1981 – Ed Ruffennach ..... National Foam
- 1982 – Ed Ellis ..... Toledo Edison
- 1983 – Punk Zwiebel ..... Wapakoneta Fire Dept.
- 1984 – Sam Blackwood ..... New Departure/Hyatt
- 1985 – Chief Ed Gassert ..... Evandale Fire Dept.

**MERITORIOUS SERVICE AWARD**

- 1986 – Nancy Loomis ..... Bowling Green State University
- 1987 – Chief Ray Walendzak ..... Oregon Fire Dept.
- 1988 – Chief Dan Johnson ..... Allen Twp. Fire Dept.
- 1989 – Don Schimmoller ..... Retired Fire Chief, Delphos
- 1990 – Carl Pike ..... Bowling Green Fire Dept.
- 1991 – Frank Potts ..... Retired, T & I Training Coordinator
- 1992 – Claren “Mouse” Maurer ..... Swanton Fire Dept.
- 1993 – Robert Warnimont ..... Perrysburg Twp. Fire Dept.
- 1994 – Chief Donald Sours ..... Green Springs Fire Dept.
- 1995 – Lt. Michael Gustwiller ..... Holgate Fire Dept.
- 1996 – Chief Darrell Chapman ..... Cridersville Fire Dept.
- 1997 – Chief Ed Bauer ..... Gibsonburg Fire Dept.
- 1998 – Chief Chris Agnew ..... Wapakoneta Fire Dept.
- 1999 – Fonda Pike ..... Bowling Green
- 2000 – Clarence “Sam” Bohn ..... Retired Defiance Fire Dept.
- 2001 – Ed Lowry ..... Past President - OPGA
- 2002 – Chief Dean Bailey ..... New London Fire Dept.
- 2003 – Chief James B. Steele ..... Dunkirk Fire Dept.
- 2003 – Chief James M. Steele ..... Van Wert Fire Dept.
- 2004 – Lowell Hartman ..... Retired Chief, Allen Twp. Fire Dept.
- 2005 – Gene Davis ..... Perry Twp. Fire Dept.
- 2006 – Wayne Suever ..... Retired Fire Chief, Delphos
- 2007 – Ron Townsend ..... Retired Bowling Green Fire Dept.
- 2008 – Rick Spiess ..... Liberty Center Fire Dept.
- 2009 – John Yust ..... Johnsville Fire Dept.
- 2010 – Chuck Hudson ..... Retired Chief, Delta Fire Dept.
- 2011 – Tammy Firsdon ..... Cygnet
- 2012 – Chief Daryl McNutt ..... Whitehouse Fire Dept.
- 2013 – Karen Weber ..... Bowling Green State University
- 2014 – Robert Wesche ..... Jewell Fire Dept.
- 2015 – Jim Tansey ..... Wakeman Fire Dept.
- 2016 – Chief Brian Baker ..... Liberty Center Fire Dept.
- 2017 – William Armatrout (Blue) ..... Willard Fire Dept.

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