

Fire Protection Publications (FPP) and the *International Fire Service Journal of Leadership and Management (IFSJLM)* headquartered on the campus of Oklahoma State University (OSU) are proud to announce the creation of the **Dr. John Granito Award for Excellence in Fire Leadership and Management Research (the Dr. Granito Award)**. The award will be presented at the *IFSJLM* Research Symposium that supports the Journal held annually in July at the IFSTA Validation Conference. The award honors Dr. John Granito. John is one of the premier fire and public safety consultants in the United States. Just a few of his many Fire, Rescue, and Emergency services research projects include: Oklahoma State University-Fire Protection Publications Line of Duty Death Reduction project (3 years); Centaur National Study (3 years); Research Triangle Institute/National Fire Protection Association/International City/County Management Association project (4 years); Fire Department Analysis Project (FireDAP) of the Urban Fire Forum (13 years); *Combination Department Leadership* project, University of Maryland, Maryland Fire & Rescue Institute (4 years); Wooster Polytechnic/International Association of Fire Fighters/International Association of Fire Chiefs/ National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health *Fire Ground Performance Study* (current). He has participated in more than 400 fire department studies. John also has strong ties to academia. For 27 years in served in a number of academic positions, the last 16 of which were at the State University of New York at Binghamton. He is Professor Emeritus and Retired Vice President for Public Service and External Affairs at SUNY Binghamton, which is consistently ranked in the top public universities by *U.S. News and World Report*. John has published numerous articles, chapters, and technical papers, served as co-editor of the 2002 book published by the International City/County Management Association entitled, *Managing Fire and Rescue Service*, and is a Section Editor of the NFPA 2008 *Fire Protection Handbook*. Dr. Granito will be the first recipient of the award that honors him and his service to the fire service and to academia. Each year the recipient of the **Dr. Granito Award** will present the Keynote Address at the annual *IFSJLM* Research Symposium and will be the Guest of Honor at the reception held on Friday night prior to the Research Symposium.

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