

Edmonton Fire Chief receives international award

Chief Ken Block recognized for outstanding leadership and contributions to safety

Fire Chief Ken Block has been named Fire Chief of the Year for 2015 by the [Metropolitan Fire Chiefs Association](#).

"I am very honoured and humbled by this award and accept it on behalf of all the staff at Edmonton Fire Rescue Services," said Chief Block. "This internationally recognized fire service award is a testament to our department's commitment to safety and teamwork. I look forward to continuing to elevate our fire department services, facilities and processes to enhance the lives of the people we serve."

Chief Block has been commended for his leadership and work in earning Edmonton Fire Rescue Services a reputation as one of North America's most progressive and respected fire departments. More specifically, he has been recognized for his work to introduce legislation both in Canada and internationally that identifies a number of cancers as being job-related to firefighters.

The Metropolitan Fire Chiefs Association brings together chiefs from large metropolitan fire departments in Canada, the U.S. and abroad to share information. One of the goals of the association is recognizing Fire Chiefs for outstanding accomplishments and performance. The Metropolitan Fire Chief of the Year Award is based on a majority vote by all association members. This award honors accomplishments and contributions to fire safety, to demonstrated leadership, to challenges overcome or to other achievements made in the provision of fire rescue services.

Mayor Iveson and Council recognized Chief Block for his achievements during the June 10th City Council meeting.

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