

John Ballou Awarded IaSFSI “Instructor of the Year”

“I couldn’t imagine when I went into this all those years ago that it would have lead me to this weekend,” said John Ballou after receiving the prestigious honor of Instructor of the Year for the Iowa Society of Fire Service Instructors at their annual conference in Ames, Iowa on November 20, 2009. John has been a volunteer fire fighter for the Audubon Fire Department since 1973, and a field instructor with the Fire Service Training Bureau for over thirty years. Working as a FSTB field instructor, John has taught hundreds of classes and been a lead instructor for the FSTB Interior Fire Attack Simulator (a mobile training prop used for training firefighters statewide). John has earned the respect of his peers and is considered to be a guru in teaching the essential skills needed for becoming a firefighter.

Congratulations to John Ballou for this outstanding achievement.



Lynn Manhart, IaSFSI President; John Ballou, IaSFSI “Instructor of the Year”;
and Randy Novak, Bureau Chief, Fire Service Training Bureau