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Michigan Association of Fire Chiefs (MAFC)
Names Troy's William Nelson Fire Chief of the Year

At the Michigan Association of Fire Chiefs (MAFC) Summer Leadership Conference on August 23, 2012, Fire Chief William (Bill) Nelson from the City of Troy, Michigan was recognized as the Michigan Fire Chief of the Year based on his many contributions and accomplishments to the fire service during his career.

The Executive Board of the Oakland County Fire Mutual Aid Association strongly endorsed Chief Nelson, as an extremely active member of their mutual aid organization. He has been a dedicated fire service leader for many years and active in many initiatives including:

- Spearheading the development, rollout, and trouble shooting of the new county wide open sky radio system
- A founding member of the Oakland County FEMA Type III IMT (Incident Management Team)
- A founding member of the Oakland County Fire Mutual Aid Association (OCFMAA)
- A founding member of Michigan MABAS
- Writing grants that have benefited the fire service far beyond the City of Troy
- A big supporter of Oakland County special teams operations including the Tech Rescue Team, Hazardous Materials Technicians Team, IMT Team, and the special Communications Unit Team.

Chief Nelson has developed an Oakland County mobile communications team that is unparalleled in the region. This team has the equipment and ability to set up emergency radio, telephone, and internet communication almost anywhere anytime.

He has been a valuable supporter of regional and State wide fire service emergency infrastructure for years and he has accomplished much without fanfare.

"These are just some of the reason why we strongly support him to be honored as Michigan's Fire Chief of the Year," Anthony Maltese, President of Oakland County Fire Mutual Aid Association said.

Chief Nelson was appointed Troy Fire Chief in January 1994. In June 1989, he became Troy's Assistant Fire Chief and Fire Marshall in October 1975. Chief Nelson has a Bachelor of Science degree from Madonna University and completed the Executive Fire Officer from the National Fire Academy in January 1993.

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