

Cite Outstanding Workers

When Firefighter Philip H. McArdle is not on the job, he lectures, volunteers and travels across the country to assist with emergencies—just for his personal enjoyment.

Mr. McArdle was the top Isaac Liberman Public Service Award recipient, receiving \$5,000, at the Hundred Year Association of New York's annual ceremony Oct. 30 at City Hall. Mr. McArdle is assigned to the Office of the Chief of Hazardous Materials Operations in the Fire Department and is member of the city's elite Urban Search and Rescue Team.

Did Report for Clinton

His expertise at emergency tactics has gained him accolades from Governor Pataki and also brought him to the attention of the White House. Mr. McArdle recently completed a report on chemical and biological preparedness for President Clinton.

Awards totaling \$32,500 were presented to career civil service employees by Mayor Giuliani, Richard A. Cook, association president, and various city Commissioners, including William J. Diamond, who heads the city's Department of Citywide Administrative Services. The association also presented \$46,000 in college scholarships to 24 children of city employees.

Mr. Diamond said "the city is very fortunate" to have employees such as the award winners working for it. The Mayor said that a recent study found that people in New York City work harder and are more productive than persons in other areas of the country, "and that includes civil servants and the people who work for the city."

Mr. Giuliani also saluted the scholarship winners, who he said "can carry on the tradition" of their parents, and he thanked Mr. Cook and the association for increasing the amount of money for the

Public Service Awards and scholarships.

Paramedic Adam Brynes was among the three city employees who received the second highest awards, worth \$3,500. He was cited for his daring rescue effort on Aug. 12, 1995. Mr. Brynes helped remove four people from an elevator that crashed in the Empire State Building. When he arrived at the scene, he jumped into the disabled elevator and treated the passengers, all of whom had serious head, neck and back injuries.

Also receiving \$3,500 awards were Conna Cook, a Contract Coordination Associate with the Human Resources Administration, and Police Officer Miguel A. Ruiz.

Designed Database

Ms. Cook is responsible for designing and implementing a database of more than 1,000 agency contracts. In her spare time, she is an advocate for AIDS patients and is a motivational speaker at the Correction Department's Rose M. Singer Center on Rikers Island. Mr. Ruiz began his career in law enforcement in 1974. He is assigned as a youth officer and monitors school safety and truancy.

Those receiving association awards of \$2,500 were Police Officer Michael Costello; Patricia Kennedy, an Office Associate at the City University of New York Law School; Bernice McCallum, Associate Director of Audit and Budget in the Department of Youth and Community Development; and Earl Roberts, an Assistant Manager at the Housing Authority.

Four employees received awards sponsored by private companies. Delores M. Bacon-Finch, a Police Administrative Aide, received a \$2,500 award sponsored by THE CHIEF-LEADER. Ms. Bacon-Finch is assigned to the Community Affairs Of-

fice of the 75th Precinct in Brooklyn.

She said she was honored to receive the award because she loves her job and is happy to put in extra time to assist her East New York neighborhood. "Folks know me and respect me," she said. "The [precinct] commander calls me his right hand."

The other corporate-sponsored award recipients and the amounts they received are: Vincent D. Caruso, Customer Service Analyst, Financial Information Services Agency, \$2,500; Mary A. Pernel, Principal Administrative Associate, HRA, \$1,000; and Babukutty Thundiya-thu, Shop Clerk, Department of Environmental Protection, \$1,000.

Special awards of \$1,000 were presented to the most highly decorated members of the Police and Fire Departments. The awards, sponsored by the Rosenwach Tank Co., went to Det. Michael Hinrichs and Fire Capt. Patrick Brown.

Received 168 Medals

Mr. Hinrichs was appointed a Police Officer in 1984 and was designated Detective, Third Grade, in 1994. During his 12-year career, he has received 168 medals, including two Police Combat Crosses, which are awarded "for the successful performance of an act of extraordinary heroism."

Mr. Brown was appointed a Firefighter in 1977, promoted to Lieutenant in 1990 and to Captain in 1994. In his 19 years on the job, he has been credited with 20 meritorious acts.

"The city employees and students the association recognizes are outstanding people and they are but a few of many," Mr. Cook said. "We hope that by shining our light on them, their excellence will be contagious and the public will see an uplifting and positive side of city government."



The Hundred Year Association Photo

TOP PUBLIC SERVICE AWARD WINNER: Firefighter Philip H. McArdle is presented with a 1996 Isaac Liberman Public Service Award by Mayor Giuliani during the Hundred Year Association of New York's annual awards ceremony. Mr. McArdle won \$5,000. Looking on at City Hall are (left to right) Ralph K. Smith Jr., who chaired the association's awards committee, Fire Commissioner Thomas Von Essen and William J. Diamond, Commissioner of the Department of Citywide Administrative Services. See story on Page 4.