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MARION EMPLOYEE RECEIVES HIGH MARKS ON FIRE INSPECTION

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MARION COUNTY, Fla. (Dec. 29, 2009) – From the outside, she seems tough and no-nonsense, but once you meet Angie Sweeney, Senior Fire Inspector/Investigator for Marion County Fire Rescue, you know she’s a softy on the inside. This single mother and animal-lover understands sacrifice and hard-work first hand, working her way from field EMT to a leadership role during the last 22 years. Now, her diligence and perseverance have gained the attention of the Florida Fire Chiefs’ Association, who are naming Sweeney the 2009 Fire Inspector of the Year.

“I am merely doing my job,” Sweeney said. “Without the prevention staff working to protect and educate citizens on a daily basis, I would have been unable to accept this honor.” As a fire inspector, Sweeney examines public, commercial and private properties to ensure that businesses and citizens follow fire codes. For 10 years, she has also led Marion County Fire Rescue’s Juvenile Fire Setters program, reaching more than 650 children.

The Florida Fire Chiefs’ Association has honored fire inspectors with this award since 2005 for individual achievement through enforcement of fire and life safety codes, proactive inspection programs and other innovative efforts that reduce the threat of fire in their communities. Sweeney will accept the award at the Fire Rescue EAST Conference on Jan. 21 in Daytona Beach.

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