

## **City of Lewiston Press Release**

**Members of the Media:** Below please find a press release **highlighting Lewiston firefighter Jonathan “JP” Adams being named “Maine Fire Instructor of the Year” by the Maine Fire Service Institute. A photo of Adams and his wife, Nicole, is attached.** Any media coverage you could render would be greatly appreciated. Thanks, Dottie

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**LEWISTON:** Lewiston firefighter Jonathan "JP" Adams, a 10-year fire service veteran, was named Maine Fire Instructor of the Year on Saturday October 22, 2011, in Augusta. The award was presented by the Director of the Maine Fire Service Institute, Bill Guindon, during the Institute's Fall Instructor Workshop.

The **“Deputy Chief Marc Bellefeuille” Instructor of the Year Award** is presented to a fire service instructor whose acts and deeds serve as an example to the profession, their department, and peers. The Instructor of the Year demonstrates an ongoing commitment to serving Maine's fire service by teaching and encouraging others to progress themselves and/or their organizations in pursuit of excellence.

The award was previously established and dedicated to the memory of former Biddeford Deputy Chief Marc Bellefeuille who was widely respected as an instructor for fire training and education. He was also Coordinator for the Maine State Weekend at the National Fire Academy. After dedicating 38 years to fire service before retiring in April of 2011, he passed away earlier this year.

Lewiston firefighter Adams, who also serves as a volunteer on the Lisbon Fire Department and is a per diem member of the Topsham Fire Department, was chosen for the Instructor of the Year Award for demonstrating outstanding commitment and extraordinary accomplishments in fire service training. Adams also displays a deep commitment to advocating the importance of fire service training. Adams was nominated by his peers along with other fire service instructors during the statewide nomination period held in August of this year.

The Maine Fire Service Institute is a department of Southern Maine Community College with statewide responsibility for firefighter training and the Legislative authority to issue certification. ###