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The National Fire Heritage Center (NFHC), located in Emmitsburg Maryland is pleased to announce the creation of the “Benjamin Franklin Fire Writer’s Award”. This award program has been created in recognition of Benjamin Franklin’s unique combination of being a writer and publisher and simultaneously an advocate for fire protection in the community. Credited with the creation of one of the first fire company’s in 1736 in Philadelphia, Franklin went on to become one of our nation’s treasures as a thinker, writer and publisher of international repute.

According to President Ron Coleman of the NFHC, this award program is aimed at recognizing those writers, journalists, publishers and printers who have made significant contribution to the sharing of knowledge about society’s fire problem. There are ten categories in which awards will be made. Awards will be given for first, second and third places. First place winners in each category will receive a fire helmet frontispiece that reflects Franklin’s legacy in the United States.

Individuals wishing to submit material for consideration in this contest should visit the Heritage Center website at [nationalfireheritagecenter.org](http://nationalfireheritagecenter.org) to obtain background information on the organization and the writing categories. Applications for entry into this program can be obtained by downloading a pdf file that is located on that website. The contest is beginning in October of 2011, with the first recognized recipients being acknowledged at our Annual Board of Directors Meeting conducted each October in conjunction with the Fallen Firefighter Weekend at the National Fire Academy.

Because this is a new program, it is likely to raise some questions. Individuals are encouraged to submit their questions to [ron@fireforceone.com](mailto:ron@fireforceone.com). Submissions must be received to the NFHC by April 17, 2012.

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