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**CFSI ACCEPTING NOMINATIONS FOR FIRE SERVICE LEADERSHIP AWARD:
*Mason Lankford Fire Service Leadership Award Recognizes Individual Leadership***

(Washington, DC) The Congressional Fire Services Institute is now accepting nominations for the Mason Lankford Fire Service Leadership Award. Sponsored jointly by CFSI and Motorola, the award recognizes individual leadership in advancing fire and life safety initiatives. The award presentation will take place on April 3rd at the 20th Annual National Fire and Emergency Services Dinner in Washington, D.C.

The award is named after the late-Mason Lankford, a former fire service leader from the state of Texas who worked closely with former Congressman Curt Weldon in establishing the Congressional Fire Services Caucus in 1987. The criteria stress the importance of forming positive working relationships with government leaders and promoting fire/emergency service and life safety issues to improve the safety of the fire and emergency services and the public they serve.

The theme of the dinner program is "A Generation of Progress." Over 2,000 state and national fire and emergency services leaders are expected to attend the event, making it the largest gathering of fire service leaders in the country. Featured speakers include the Co-Chairmen of the Congressional Fire Services Caucus and Administration officials.

On April 2nd, CFSI will present "A Showcase of Our Nation's Fire and Emergency Services on the National Mall" to commemorate the 20th anniversary of the dinner. Sponsored by the International Fire Service Training Association (IFSTA), the event will feature the Firefighter Combat Challenge,

Fire Safety Education Pavilion, technology exhibits and apparatus displays. Open to the public, the showcase will be an educational experience, illustrating the many roles of our nation's fire and emergency services.

For additional information about the dinner and nomination information for the Mason Lankford Fire Service Leadership Award, visit the CFSI website at www.cfsi.org.

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