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## Norb Makowka Awarded NAFED's Lifetime Achievement Award

On April 2, 2004, at NAFED's conference business meeting in Atlantic City, the association presented Norb Makowka, NAFED's executive director – technical, with a Lifetime Achievement Award. The award honors individuals who have made exceptional contributions to the welfare and goals of the association and the fire protection industry.

"To be recognized by one's peers is truly an honor. Past recipients of this award have included many industry leaders and NAFED founders, and being included with these individuals is also a huge privilege for me," said Makowka.

The association's awards committee collaborates to choose a recipient. The committee currently consists of John Lawlor of Keystone Fire Protection Co. in Montgomeryville, Pennsylvania; Debbie Horvath of Reliable Fire Equipment Co. in Alsip, Illinois; and Chairman Tim Krulan of Kamp Fire Equipment Co., Inc., a Cintas Company, in Boonton, New Jersey.

"Norb was an easy selection for the Lifetime Achievement Award because of his years of tireless service, not only for NAFED, but also for the whole fire protection industry," said Tim Krulan, chairman of NAFED's awards committee.

"His diverse background, which includes having worked for both manufacturers and distributors, makes him an invaluable resource of technical and code information for NAFED members. He has excelled in every position he has held, in every project with which he's been involved, and he never stops reaching for excellence."

Makowka's recent efforts have included updating the new edition of a popular reference guide, *NFPA References to Portable Fire Extinguishers*, Second Edition, and working to put together the association's new certification program. NAFED certification is currently required by the state of New Jersey for service technicians servicing portable extinguishers or pre-engineered kitchen fire extinguishing systems, and is being considered for similar use by several other states.

"Norb's hard work and devotion to the industry is evident in the outstanding technical programs that NAFED offers," said Krulan.

