

Nominee: Richard French

Fire Department/Agency: DeFreettsville Fire Department / Chief of Response for the New York State
Emergency Management Office

State: New York

Explanation: We can't think of a leader who has inspired so many people and shared his passion! Chief French is one of the best known SFI's in New York State. He has taught thousands of people how to "be a firefighter." He teaches almost every night and sometimes in multiple counties! He is truly a leader and a hero. He has also dedicated a portion of teaching and his life to his friend Andrew Fredricks (FDNY who lost his life on 9/11) and Andy's passion for nozzles.

Name of person submitting nomination: Students of Saratoga County Firefighter 1 Fall 2009 (36 in all)

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