

Fire protection technology program recognized nationally

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The Tulsa Community College (TCC) Fire Protection Technology Program was recognized as a model fire science program by the National Fire Academy (NFA) at the Fire and Emergency Services Higher Education Conference, May 31-June 2, 2003.

The TCC program was primarily recognized for its highly successful partnership with the Tulsa Fire Department, a department that values higher education as an integral part of professional career development. The previous and current chiefs of the department, as well as many officers and firefighters, are TCC alumni.

Other criteria for the recognition include: high quality TCC academic course work that is readily transferable to a four-year program, a proper balance of general education and fire safety courses, and the awarding of relevant fire safety certifications upon completion of the appropriate academic courses.

Chief Bill Goswick, M.S., EFOP (WRHS, 1959), Assistant Professor and Coordinator of the fire protection technology program, graduated in the first fire safety class from TCC in 1973 and is a 30-year veteran of Tulsa Fire Department where he was Chief of Emergency Medical Services.

Created by The Federal Fire Prevention and Control Act of 1974, NFA provides training and education programs that enhance the ability of fire and emergency services professionals to deal more effectively with fire and related emergencies.

Since 1975, more than 1.4 million students have received NFA training at its Emmitsburg, Maryland facility and through local fire training organizations and colleges and universities.

For the fifth consecutive year, TCC is ranked in the top three percent of more than 1,150 community colleges nationally in the number of associate degrees awarded in all disciplines.

This year, TCC was the first Oklahoma college to be a finalist for the prestigious Bellwether Award, given by the Community College Futures Assembly for outstanding and innovative workforce development programs. The Assembly is an annual convocation of key opinion leaders who address critical issues facing the future of community colleges.

The largest two-year college in Oklahoma, TCC serves approximately 40,000 students per semester in credit, corporate and industry training, and continuing education classes. TCC information is available at www.tulsacc.edu