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## **COLUMBUS FIREFIGHTER HONORED AT IRISH PROCLAMATION**

Columbus Fire Battalion Chief James Flynn will receive the 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Firefighter of Irish Heritage Award for his service and dedication to the Irish Community and the City of Columbus. Councilman Andrew J Ginther will present the award during Irish Proclamation Day on March 12, 2010 at 10:45 a.m., in City Hall Council Chambers.

Flynn joined the Division in 1972 where he has moved up to the position of Battalion Chief. He currently is assigned as Battalion 3 on 1-Unit and has had that position for almost 20 years. Some of his earlier assignments have been Captain at the Fire Training Academy and in charge of Fire Station 13. He worked as a Fire Lieutenant at Station 19 and was a Firefighter at Station 10 for the first part of his career.

In addition to his regular duties, Flynn is the Division's Critical Incident Stress Management Team Leader. He has also serviced on the Division's Honor Guard for over 18 years.

Flynn is the recipient of the Battalion Chief Commendation Award for a fire on Hamlet Street. In April 2000 he received the Distinguished Service Award for service with the Division's Honor Guard.

Flynn is a graduate of Bishop Watterson and has attended Columbus State Community College. He and his wife, Ellen, have a son Michael and daughter Colleen. Flynn's father was on the Columbus Division of Fire which he retired as a Lieutenant. He is active with the Knights of Columbus and helps with communion services at retirement homes as well as homebound.

This recognition ceremony was initiated by City Council Safety Chair Councilman Andrew J. Ginther to honor members of the city's safety forces for their service and dedication to the Irish Community and City of Columbus.

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