NORTHEAST COMPACT OUTSTANDING SERVICE AWARD Nomination of Karl Kenyon from Rhode Island

On behalf of the Northeastern Forest Fire Protection Compact, we would like to nominate Karl Kenyon from Rhode Island for the Outstanding Service Award in the 'Individual Category' for 2009.

Karl Kenyon's work in wildland forest fire management spans more than 30 years as a member of the State of Rhode Island fire management staff. Over that time, Karl has been actively engaged in Northeast Compact activity as a member of the Training Working Team, Fire Science Working Team, Operations Committee, and as the Coordinator of the annual Compact Banquet and Gadget Hour. In addition, Karl was the one who initiated the purchase of Compact shirts, hats, and patches which are highly desirable items for members. He has continued to ensure that an adequate stock of these items have been purchased for at least 20 years. Karl is also a primary member of the NFFPC Incident Management Team as a Liaison Officer. Karl did outstanding work when he served on the NFFPC team during a 3 week assignment in Georgia in 2007, after receiving all of the requisite Compact training for the IMT position that he filled.

Karl's contributions to wildland fire management in Rhode Island and Compact wide have been extensive and include the following categories: Wildfire Management, Wildfire Prevention, Training, Equipment, Educational Activities, and Law Enforcement.

The nomination of Karl Kenyon is warranted for his exemplary service and contributions over many years. He has gained the respect of peers and subordinates through the Compact area for his hard work, dedication and professional attitude. He has consistently enhanced the image and function of the Northeastern Forest Fire Protection Compact wherever he has worked or traveled. This nomination is made for his immediate and continuing contribution to wildland fire management as well as his outstanding service over time.

Sincerely, Thomas Parent Executive Director, NFFPC