

PRESS RELEASE
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**Managing Director of Rescue 3 (UK) receives International Swiftwater and Flood
Rescue Award**

Managing Director of North Wales based Rescue 3 (UK), Paul O'Sullivan, has been awarded a prestigious international award for his role in helping develop the capability of the UK's Fire and Rescue Services to cope with major flood events.

Paul was part of a joint UK/USA team that received the Programme Development Award of the Higgins and Langley Memorial Awards for Outstanding Achievement in Swiftwater Rescue. Team leader Paul Hayden, Chief Fire Officer for Hereford and Worcester Fire and Rescue Service collected the award at the National Association of Search and Rescue Conference in Colorado, USA, and the UK Team members received their awards at the recent Floodfighters Conference held at the University of Gloucestershire.

The award citation stated that, 'This particular award represents ground breaking Program Development never before seen among the International Community' and that 'The lessons learned proved invaluable during 2007 area wide flooding in the United Kingdom and demonstrated the importance of state of the art swiftwater and floodwater preparedness'.

Upon receiving the award Paul commented, 'This is a fantastic honour both for myself and for everybody at Rescue 3 (UK) and highlights how much development is possible from sharing knowledge both internationally and between the Fire and Rescue Service and specialist training providers'

Paul has been the Managing Director of Rescue 3 (UK) since 2000 and has led its development into the UK's leading provider of specialist water and flood rescue training. Paul is a highly experienced rescue trainer and has delivered rescue classes in the UK & Europe and as far a field as Asia and South America. Paul lives in the Conwy Valley with his wife Sue and son Finn.

**'Higgins and Langley Memorial Awards for Outstanding Achievement in Swiftwater
Rescue' 2008 Awards.'**
Award Citation

Winner: Chief Fire Officers Association, Management of Major Flood Event Research Project (Fire & Rescue Service, Contribution to the Emergency Response Phase).

TEAM MEMBERS:
Project Leader

Paul Hayden Chief Fire Officer of Hereford & Worcester F&RS and Chair of the Fire and Rescue Service Inland Water Strategic Group to Chief Fire Officers Association (CFOA) Operations Committee, UK.

Core Project Team Members and Project Partners:

UK Members:

Paul Amos, Area Manager in Hereford & Worcester F&RS and Secretary of the Fire and Rescue Service Inland Water Strategy Group to CFOA Operations Committee. UK.
Martin Bills, Water Rescue Team Leader, Fire and Resilience Directorate, UK.
Martin Blunden, Water Capability Manager, Fire and Resilience Directorate, UK
David M Lane, Managing Director of Lane Jefferies & Associates Ltd, UK.

Paul O'Sullivan, Managing Director of Rescue 3 (UK).

US Members:

Jeff Cardwell, Emergency Manager, North Carolina Division of Emergency Management

Jeff Dulin, Deputy Chief of Charlotte Fire Department.

Tim Rogers, Battalion Chief, Charlotte Fire Department.

This particular award represents ground breaking Program Development never before seen among the International Community. With support from the North Carolina Division of Emergency Management and the Charlotte, North Carolina Fire Department, Paul Hayden with additional support of the above named individuals from the U.K. researched Team Typing, Boat Team Response, Logistics Response and Air Asset Deployment with the cooperation of the North Carolina Air National Guard. The lessons learned proved invaluable during 2007 area wide flooding in the United Kingdom and demonstrated the importance of state of the art swiftwater and floodwater preparedness. The contribution of this particular project is recognized as a significant contribution to swiftwater and flood rescue, a contribution that will benefit rescue personnel worldwide.

The Higgins and Langley Memorial Awards committee recognizes this particular project benefits many countries outside the United Kingdom and the United States. We look forward to the results of the project being documented and circulated within the swiftwater and flood rescue communities and support the continuing efforts of the U.K. in developing a flood rescue program worthy of consideration as a world wide model.

Again, it is with the greatest pleasure that we extend the 2008 Program Development Award to the above named individuals and congratulate the recipients for their outstanding contribution to the world of swiftwater and flood rescue.

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Editor's notes:

Further information on the Higgins and Langley Memorial Awards for Outstanding Achievement in Swiftwater Rescue www.higginsandlangley.org



From Left to Right

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David Lane, Managing Director, Lane Jefferies & Associates Ltd,

Paul Amos, Area Manager, Hereford & Worcester F&RS

Paul Hayden Chief Fire Officer, Hereford & Worcester F&RS

Professor Patricia Broadfoot CBE, Vice Chancellor, University of Gloucestershire

Paul O'Sullivan Managing Director Rescue 3 (UK).

Martin Bills, Nottinghamshire Fire & Rescue Service