

## **2007 DSSA Winners Announced**

Congratulations go out to Jim Robinson and Robin Elliott, both of whom have been recognized with the Distinguished Service to Safety Awards for 2007.

Jim Robinson currently serves as Assistant Director, Life Safety & Emergency Planning in the University of Maryland Department of Facilities Management. Jim has served the University in a variety of capacities since he began employment there in 1976. His duties have focused on fire safety. Among his many accomplishments has been his role in causing sprinkler systems to be installed in campus buildings. In 1976, the campus had less than 100,000 square feet of building space sprinklered; today, that figure is over 9.6 million!

Jim has donated countless hours of his time to serving CSHEMA for over 20 years. The laundry list includes serving on, and sometimes chairing, the Annual Conference Host Committee, the Fire & Life Safety Committee, the Membership Committee, the Strategic Planning Committee, and the Nominations Committee. Moving up the ladder, he served as an At Large Member of the CSHEMA Executive Committee, and in 2006 completed the three year leadership rotation of Recording Secretary, Vice-Chair, and Chair.

Robin Elliott currently serves as Director, Occupational Health and Safety at the University of Delaware and has served the University for over 20 years. She serves on a large number and variety of safety related committees at the University. During her tenure as Director, no regulatory agencies have issued any fines. Robin was appointed by the Governor of Delaware to serve on the Authority for Radiation Protection, and has served in various capacities—including Chair.

Like Jim, Robin has donated countless hours of service to CSHEMA over an extended period of time. Her service includes serving on and sometimes chairing the Strategic Planning Committee, the Awards Committee, and the Benchmarking Task Force. Robin served three years as Treasurer and completed her term as CSHEMA Chair in 2007. Her campus has won numerous CSHEMA awards, including the Complete Program Award of Honor (twice), the Newsletter Award, the Web Site Award, a \$3,500 Perks for Peers Award and two awards in the Unique and Innovative category.

## **Honorary Life Award**

Chuck Hart has been recognized by CSHEMA in 2007 with the Honorary Life Award. Chuck served Ohio University for over 30 years before retiring from his position as Director of Environmental Health and Safety in January 2007. Over the years, Chuck was an active

member in just about every professional organization connected with environmental health and safety, including AIHA, CO/AIHA, ACGIH, ASSE, ACS, NEHA, OEHA, ABSA, URMIA, and OMCA.

In CSHEMA, Chuck chaired the Research and Survey Committee, served on the Awards Committee, served as an At Large Member of the Executive Committee, and served as the NEHA liaison for the Professional Relations Committee. Ohio University has won numerous CSHEMA awards including the Complete Program Award of Honor (3 times), the Home Page Award, Perks for Peers, and an Award of Distinction in the Unique and Innovative category.