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Kirk Kelly  
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**RE: IPRF 2025 MEMBER PERFORMANCE - BEST IN CLASS RUNNER UP RECOGNITION AWARD**

Dear Ms. Kelly:

On behalf of the Illinois Public Risk Fund and our 671 members, it is the pleasure of the Illinois Public Risk Fund Board of Directors to recognize and award the East Joliet Fire Protection District as the IPRF 2025 Member Performance - Best-In-Class Runner-Up Recognition Award.

To understand what the best-in-class means and the significance of being recognized as a runner-up award recipient is quite simple. In accordance with the National Council on Compensation Insurance (NCCI), each of our member agencies (671 total) are placed into a specific classification of work types or class codes for adequate appraisal of workers' compensation rates for association work related risks. Currently, the IPRF utilizes 14 different member types and for the Fire classification, the East Joliet Fire Protection District has met the Funds' performance criteria to be recognized as one of the *Best-In-Class Runner-Up Award recipients*.

The evidence to bestow the 2025 IPRF Best-In-Class Runner-up Recognition Award to East Joliet Fire Protection District is quite noteworthy. The member agency has a notable safety and risk management program and has exhibited and/or demonstrated the following successful programs or attributes:

- IPRF General GAP analysis completed?
- Has the member had an NCL in the last (2) years?
- Do you have an active safety committee?
- Are meetings held regularly?
- Is there a safety program that provides regular training to employees? (temporary employees, seasonal, volunteers)?
- Are accident investigations conducted for all accidents?
- Responsive to recommendations? (<120 days, YES or >121 days, NO)

The IPRF Board applauds the East Joliet Fire Protection District for its commitment to having and providing a safe workplace and environment. In recognition of your exceptional performance, the IPRF team would like to present the organization with a certificate of recognition plaque

Again, thank you for your commitment to both safety and claims management. We look forward to awarding this outstanding accomplishment.

Sincerely,

Robert M. Buhs, Executive Director  
Illinois Public Risk Fund