IAFC Hazmat Committee Member Remembered

Deputy Chief Dr. Kristina ‘Krissy’ Kreutzer, a friend and a member of the IAFC Hazardous Materials Committee, passed away on March 10, after a courageous battle with cancer. Chief Bob Royal, committee chair, said of Krissy, “She was not only a friend but one of the hazmat community’s greatest resources. Her dedication and commitment to protecting the health and safety of America’s first responders was immeasurable.”

In addition to her work with the IAFC Hazmat Center, Krissy had an impressive resume. She was a research chemist with DuPont, where she also served as an assistant chief with the facility’s emergency response team. Krissy obtained her B.S. degree in chemistry from the University of Maryland and a Ph.D. in chemistry from MIT. She also held 12 patents with her work at DuPont. She contributed at the national level through her labor and teachings efforts with the Delaware State Fire School, leading hazmat conferences and FDIC. Greg Noll, adjunct member of the Hazmat Committee, remembers Krissy’s contributions to and involvement with the IAFC and NFPA committees as indispensable. All who knew her have expressed their sorrow in losing such a dedicated scientist. In a Fire Engineering Article it was expressed this way, “We love you and we will always remember your contribution to science, the fire service, hazardous material response and emergency medical services!”

Krissy's life was honored on Saturday, March 25 at the Mill Creek Fire Company Chambers Memorial Hall in Marshallton, Del.

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