On behalf of the International Fire Chief’s Association and the Board of the Emergency Vehicle Management Section I would like to say thank you for the opportunity to be here today.

Before we get to the presentation I wanted to take a moment to express my gratitude to each of you for what you do each day makes significant impact on your community. Each of you are the unsung heroes of our communities. You may not ride on the fire truck, ambulance, police vehicles or any other emergency services apparatus but without each of you doing what you do so well the fire service wouldn't be able to do our jobs. We wouldn't make it to the car wrecks, or the house fire, robbery or assaults; we wouldn't be able to save the 9 yr old girl whose asthma is so bad she can’t breathe. I am sure you don't get the well-deserved Thank You but you need to know that none of our success would be possible without your expertise and desire to seek the higher level training and education of an Emergency Vehicle Technician. You make the difference it for all emergency services so we can make a difference to make that bad day for someone turn out just a little better.

So thank you!!!

In memory of Boyd Cole, the Emergency Vehicle Management Section of the International Association of Fire Chiefs presents an award each year to recognize an
educator, trainer, or facilitator of emergency vehicle technicians' training. His belief in the need for technician training and certification was absolute. Without the support of educators like Boyd Cole, the level of technician training would not have advanced to where it is today.

This year’s award goes to an individual who was nominated by the Texas Association of Emergency Vehicle Technicians.

This individual has been instrumental in leading the Texas EVT organization in training. With his leadership and guidance he has helped the organization grow and develop into one of the largest active training EVT organizations in the country. This is no small task and he has done it all with selflessness, and a humble attitude that is inspiring and uplifting to all those that have the privilege to have worked with him in this task. With his work with the City of Coppell he has received numerous awards and citation for his outstanding work. He has also received an Award of Exemplary Action by the Lewisville Texas Fire Department for his action in helping victims during a recent flood.

It’s my pleasure to present this award today to Mark Brochtrup.