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EMS Chief Scott Sholes
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SENT VIA EMAIL: SholesST@ci.durango.co.us

Dear EMS Chief Scott Sholes:

On behalf of the International Association of Fire Chiefs (IAFC), Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Section, I want to take this opportunity to congratulate the Durango Fire & Rescue Authority on receiving the 2009 Heart Safe Community Award PAD Program, Small Community. The award ceremony will take place on Tuesday, May 5, 2009, during the morning General Session at Fire Rescue-Med in Las Vegas, Nevada.

Created in 2001, the annual **Heart Safe Community Award** – presented by the IAFC EMS Section and Physio-Control – recognizes fire service-based EMS and other EMS systems that have used creative approaches to implement or maintain public access defibrillation programs within the communities they serve. In 2008, the Heart Safe Community Award was expanded to include the STEMI Awareness Community Program Award. This award is presented to the agency that has implemented a community program to improve therapies for patients with acute coronary syndrome and its life-threatening complication – sudden cardiac arrest – and backend initiatives that include STEMI management.

Lucian Deaton, IAFC EMS Section Staff Liaison, will be in touch with you to facilitate the travel and award ceremony logistics.

I look forward to meeting you at Fire Rescue-Med and please accept my heartfelt congratulations and respect once more for the department's great achievement.

Yours in service,

Gary Ludwig
Chair, EMS Section