The Department of Defense (DoD) recognized several Navy shore commands last month during the Annual Fire and Emergency Services (F&ES) Awards.

Each year the DoD recognizes the outstanding accomplishments of the services for their contributions in fire prevention and honors fire departments and fire fighters in a DoD F&ES program.

"The fire and emergency services community is on duty 24-hours a day, putting their own lives on the line while protecting those who defend America," said Assistant Deputy Under Secretary of Defense for Installations and Environment, John Conger in his announcement of the winners. "I congratulate their achievements."

More than 40 nominees across nine categories competed for the Department of Defense awards.

The Navy winners were:
Navy Medium Department of the Year - Naval Air Station Corpus Christi
Navy Fire Prevention Program of the Year - Commander Fleet Activities Yokosuka
Navy Fire Service Instructor of the Year - Yuunei Hino, Commander Fleet Activities Yokosuka

The Navy instituted an F&ES awards program in 1997 to formally recognize the contributions made by fire and emergency services personnel, and to conform to DoD requirements. Nominees for the award are selected based on criteria developed by the DoD F&ES working group, which is comprised of members from the service components respective F&ES programs.

"Bravo zulu and congratulations to all of our Navy Fire and Emergency Services award winners," said Vice Adm. Dixon Smith, commander, Navy Installations Command. "To be selected as the 'best of the best' in both Navy and DoD Fire and Emergency Services is a remarkable achievement. All participants should be very proud of their professional achievements and well-deserved recognition."

Navy Fire and Emergency Services is just one of the more than 100 products and services managed by Navy Installations Command to support its mission of sustaining the fleet, enabling the fighter and supporting families.

For more information about the Navy's F&ES program, visit http://www.cnic.navy.mil/om/operating_forces_support/fire_and_emergency_services.html