

## **Nomination Packet for the 2008 Gary J. Gefroh Safety and Health Award**

### **Background**

CAPT Gary J. Gefroh was a nationally recognized and highly respected Institutional Environmental Health Officer, who, following completion of a Master's and the Institutional Environmental Health Residency at the Uniformed University of the Health sciences, served the Navajo Area of the Indian Health Service for 14 years by providing expert technical consultation in the fields of healthcare accreditation, safety management, infection control, industrial hygiene and radiation protection. CAPT Gefroh served as an invaluable resource to IHS Safety Officers and Infection Control Practitioners, patiently mentoring novice individuals to become proficient safety and infection control professionals. CAPT Gefroh's many years of distinguished service to American Indians and Alaska Natives and IHS employees advanced their health and safety in immeasurable ways.

### **Purpose**

The Gary J. Gefroh Safety and Health Award is to recognize significant contributions by an individual or group resulting in improved Healthcare Safety and/or Infection Control conditions at an Indian Health Service and/or Tribal healthcare program.

### **Criteria**

All employees, IHS or Tribal, are eligible for nomination. The nominee(s) must have made significant contribution to the identification, reduction, control, or elimination of hazards to individuals in the healthcare setting. Hazards may be chemical, biological, radiological or physical, in nature (examples of physical hazards include: ergonomics, machinery, fire protection, physical security and building design). The contributions may be significant one-time events or they may be projects implemented over time.

### **Nominations**

Candidates may be nominated by supervisors, colleagues, or program managers. Nominations should not exceed two pages (single spaced, 12 point font, inch margins). Narratives should be written in such a manner to convey how the nominee has met the criteria noted above.

### **Selection**

Nominations will be reviewed and recommended by the IHS Institutional Environmental Health Awards Committee.

### **Recognition**

The 2008 Gary J. Gefroh Safety and Health Award will be presented during the IHS Director's Award Ceremony in Rockville, MD.