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City of Joliet Congratulates Joliet Area Historical Museum On Recent Illinois Association of Museums Award

Joliet, IL – The City of Joliet: Mayor Tom Giarrante and the Joliet City Council congratulate the staff and volunteers of the Joliet Area Historical Museum on the recent Superior Award from the Illinois Association of Museums for its “Bucket Brigades to Tactical Units: Joliet Fire and Police Departments” exhibit.

The successful exhibit highlighted the history, service and dedication of the City of Joliet Police and Fire Departments to the community through documented artifacts, photos and accounts. Showcasing the community’s pride and history in this exhibit was key to both the curator and volunteers involved in the project. “I was very impressed when I attended the opening of the Police & Fire exhibit. As a Firefighter for 22 years the exhibit brought back many memories. I would love to attend the ceremonies on October 21st, however that day my wife and I will celebrate our 50th wedding anniversary,” stated Mayor Tom Giarrante.

The Illinois Association of Museums Award will be formally presented to the Joliet Area Historical Museum on October 21, 2011.

The Illinois Association of Museums (IAM) is a recognized agent for positive change in the museum community working to provide advocacy, promotion of best practices, and foster the exchange of ideas. IAM supports the work of the American Association of Museums, the Association of Midwest Museums. IAM also supports the work of the American Association for State and Local History. For more information visit www.state.il.us/hpa/iam

For more information on the current exhibits, activities and events at the Joliet Area Historical Museum visit www.jolietmuseum.org or call 815.723.5201.

The City of Joliet is the fourth largest city in the state of Illinois, located just 45 miles southwest of Chicago’s Loop. Home to over 147,000 residents, in addition to thriving businesses and attractions, the City of Joliet is easily accessible by rail, auto and bus transit. A perfect place to live, work and play, Joliet is constantly striving to promote growth and diversity. For more information on Joliet visit www.visitjoliet.org or call 815.724.4000.

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