

BIA Representatives Receive National Awards

On April 20-21, 2006 two Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) representatives were presented with awards at the WeTip 33rd Annual National Conference held in Pomona, California. WeTip was founded in 1972 as an anonymous crime reporting hotline. The BIA, with cooperation from the National Interagency Fire Center (NIFC), uses WeTip as a reporting hotline for arson crimes in Indian Country.



Sam Scranton accepts his award for “Fire Investigator of the Year” at the 33rd Annual WeTip Conference.

Sam Scranton, Deputy Fire Use/Fuels for BIA-NIFC was awarded “National Fire Investigator of the Year” at this year’s conference. Sam was recognized for his achievements and involvement in fire investigation. He has helped develop partnerships between the WeTip arson reporting hotline, BIA, and Indian Tribes across the country.



Soledad Holguin accepts her “National Volunteer of the Year” Award at the WeTip Conference in Pomona, California.

Soledad Holguin was also presented an award at the conference. She works as a Wildland Fire Prevention Technician with the BIA in the Pacific region. Much of her time is spent working closely with tribes, encouraging them to utilize the arson reporting hotline as a tool for fire prevention and fire investigation efforts. She was presented with the “National Volunteer of the Year” award.

Sam and Sol’s work with the BIA is critical in helping to reduce the loss of life and property across Indian Country.

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