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HAMILTON COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH NAMED 2013 CRUMBINE AWARD WINNER

Fifty Years After First Crumbine Win, Hamilton County Public Health Honored Again

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For 58 years, the Samuel J. Crumbine Consumer Protection Award, named for one of the most renowned public health sanitarians in the United States, has been presented to a local public health unit by a jury of leading environmental health officials and public health sanitarians. This award is the most prestigious recognition that a public health unit can receive. Crumbine winners serve as models of excellence for other public health and safety programs across the nation.

2013 Crumbine Award Jury Chair Keith L. Krinn, RS, MA, of Columbus [Ohio] Public Health (the 2009 Crumbine Award winner) said, "Hamilton County Public Health's Food Protection Program has described a highly innovative consumer protection program, with an excellent data review culture and, since 2007, has utilized an electronic format for inspections and data report generation used as management tools. Additionally, the selection jury was impressed with the HCPH Environmental Health Division's mantra of *education over enforcement* which drives performance and was consistent throughout their submittal documents. That focus was particularly evident in the demonstration of how HCPH works with its licensees through education, consistency, and permanence for food protection in the greater Cincinnati metropolitan area. It's also remarkable to note this is the second Crumbine Award for HCPH. It's first, when the department was known as the Hamilton County General Health District - occurred exactly fifty years ago! Hamilton County Public Health's Food Protection Program, then and now, is truly a model program in food safety."

"This is the preeminent award in food protection, so naturally we're thrilled," said Tim Ingram, Hamilton County Health Commissioner. "We have worked extremely hard to develop a program that not only protects the citizens of Hamilton County, but also works closely with our partners in the food service industry with an emphasis on *education over enforcement*. The award is particularly exciting in that this is the fiftieth anniversary of the last time Hamilton County Public Health received the award."

Hamilton County Public Health will receive the Crumbine Award at the Annual Educational Conference of the National Environmental Health Association, July 9-11 in the Washington DC area. Award presentations will also be made at the annual meetings of the International Association for Food Protection, July 28-31 in Charlotte, North Carolina and National Association of County and City Health Officials, July 10-12 in Dallas, Texas.

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The Crumbine Award is supported by the Conference for Food Protection, in cooperation with the American Academy of Sanitarians, American Public Health Association, Association of Food & Drug Officials, Foodservice Packaging Institute, International Association for Food Protection, National Association of County and City Health Officials, National Environmental Health Association, National Restaurant Association Solutions, National Sanitation Foundation International and Underwriters Laboratories Inc.

For more information about the Crumbine Award, please contact Natha Dempsey at ndempsey@fpi.org. A copy of Hamilton County's award-winning application may be found at www.crumbineaward.com.

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