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William (Bill) Murphy, Ph.D., Captain, U.S. Public Health Service, to receive National Hearing Conservation Association’s Outstanding Hearing Conservationist Award

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Established in 1990, the Award for Outstanding Hearing Conservationist is awarded to a person whose work is exemplary in our field. It is the pleasure of the National Hearing Conservation Association to announce that this year’s award recipient is William (Bill) Murphy, Ph.D., for his outstanding research, programmatic influence, publications, and other contributions in the area of hearing loss prevention.

Bill Murphy (Captain, U.S. Public Health Service) has served the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) as a vigorous contributor in research and hearing loss prevention initiatives since 1992. Currently, he is the co-leader of NIOSH’s Hearing Loss Prevention Team in Cincinnati, where he serves as an exemplary scientist, technical expert, and supervisor in America’s principal agency for making recommendations for the prevention of work-related injury and illness.

Capt. Murphy earned his Ph.D. in Physics from Purdue, and, over the past 22 years, he has used his exceptional ability to translate basic and applied scientific findings (both
from his own research and from other labs) into comprehensible documents that form
the core of numerous national standards used today. He has authored or co-authored
over 50 peer-reviewed papers and articles, six book chapters, 27 government
publications, 100 conference papers, and 38 posters for conferences. He is the
coinventor of three software programs for fit-testing hearing protection devices, which
earned him the 2013 NIOSH Bullard-Sherwood Award for Technology Transfer. Capt.
Murphy is a Fellow of the Acoustical Society of America, and has earned numerous
individual awards from the Public Health Service.

His colleagues in the NCHA recognize Capt. Murphy’s contribution to our understanding
of noise hazards through a year-long study of noise-exposed auto workers, numerous
evaluations of gunshot noise and bystander noise exposures, many training programs
and surveys, and standards development.

The NHCA is truly grateful for Capt. Murphy’s gifts of service, teaching, encouragement
and leadership. His outstanding professional record is a rich contribution to our field.

Capt. Murphy’s acceptance of the Outstanding Hearing Conservationist Award will take
place at an awards luncheon during the NHCA’s 40th Annual Conference to be held
February 19-21 in New Orleans, Louisiana. Many of his colleagues and associates will
be on hand to honor and recognize this prestigious achievement. For more information
about the NHCA Conference, "Celebrating Hearing Loss Prevention," go to

About the National Hearing Conservation Association (NHCA)

The mission of the NHCA is to prevent hearing loss due to noise and other
environmental factors in all sectors of society. NHCA's membership includes
audiologists, researchers, industrial hygienists, physicians and occupational health
nurses, educators, professional service organizations, safety professionals, engineers,
audio professionals, students, and others who have dedicated their work to the
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