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**San Antonio, TX – October 4, 2024** - The National Council of Firefighters Credit Unions (NCOFCU) is proud to announce the awarding of the prestigious Lifetime Achievement Award and Volunteer of the Year Award.

**Lifetime Achievement Award:**

Mr. Summey, the recipient of the Lifetime Achievement Award, has been a cornerstone of the Charlotte Fire Dept CU since 1969. His 55 years of service, marked by exceptional leadership, vision, and unwavering dedication, have been instrumental in the significant growth and success of the credit union. His tenure as the Chairman of the Board from 1973 to 2021 has been a period of transformative leadership, guiding CFDCU to its current position of strength and prosperity.

**Volunteer of the Year Award:**

John Hoolahan has been an integral part of the New Orleans Firemen's Federal Credit Union for over 30 years, serving on the Board of Directors with unwavering dedication and commitment. His leadership, currently as the Vice Chairperson, plays a pivotal role in steering the strategic direction and governance of the credit union. His impact is felt in every decision made, ensuring the financial well-being of the members. Furthermore, Hoolahan is an active participant in the Compensation Committee, Facility & ERM Committee, and the newly established Community Development Committee, where his insights and experience contribute to the continued success and growth of the credit union.

**About:** National Council of Firefighter Credit Unions Inc (NCOFCU)

Established in October 2001 by representatives from credit unions serving firefighters and first responders, the National Council of Firefighter Credit Unions (NCOFCU) is dedicated to empowering its members with the vital knowledge, skills, tools, and resources needed to manage their first responder credit unions effectively. NCOFCU promotes educational and informational exchanges that support ongoing professional development, enabling credit unions serving first responders to deliver outstanding value to their members. For further information, please visit the council's website at [www.ncofcu.org](http://www.ncofcu.org) or contact Grant Sheehan, CEO, at 305-951-3306 or ceo@ncofcu.org.