

**Greater Portland Council of Governments
ReCOGNition Awards 2008**

Presented To:

The Town of Falmouth and the Falmouth Fire-EMS Department for Best Practices in Improved Municipal Service

The Greater Portland Council of Governments commends the Town of Falmouth and the Falmouth Fire-EMS Department for the leadership of the Town Council, Town Manager and Fire Chief in developing and implementing a department-wide, comprehensive strategic planning process resulting in cost savings and improved service to the community.

The Town of Falmouth, Maine Marine Patrol & the United States Coast Guard for Best Practices in Intergovernmental Collaboration

The Greater Portland Council of Governments commends the Town of Falmouth and its Police Department Marine Unit, together with the Maine Marine Patrol and the United States Coast Guard for exemplary intergovernmental collaboration in strengthening public and environmental safety within Casco Bay through Maine's first Memorandum of Agreement between a municipality and the Maine Marine Patrol and Coast Guard.

The Town of Freeport, the Freeport Housing Trust, the Peoples Regional Opportunity Program and the Cumberland County Municipal Oversight Committee for best practices in regional collaboration

The Greater Portland Council of Governments commends the Town of Freeport, the Freeport Housing Trust, the Peoples Regional Opportunity Program and the Cumberland County Community Development Block Grant program acting through the Municipal Oversight Committee for their combined leadership and collaboration in implementing the Freeport Mobile Home Rehabilitation Program.

The Town of Standish, the Volunteers in Police Services and the Cumberland County Sheriff's Department for best practices in strengthened citizen participation, regional collaboration and improved municipal service

The Greater Portland Council of Governments commends the Town of Standish and the Cumberland County Sheriff's Department for its collaborative leadership and combined support in establishing the citizen-based Volunteers in Police Services thereby strengthening public safety services throughout the community; and further that the GPCOG recognizes and commends the many citizens who are actively participating in this initiative.

The Metro Regional Coalition for exemplary regional and collaborative leadership in strengthening municipal public safety services

The Greater Portland Council of Governments commends the Metro Regional Coalition and its member communities of Cape Elizabeth, Falmouth, Portland, Scarborough, South Portland and Westbrook who have joined with Cumberland County and the Towns of Windham and Yarmouth to strengthen public safety through an Interlocal Agreement establishing a regional forensic crime lab; and further that the GPCOG recognizes and commends the Police Chiefs and Cumberland County Sheriff for their leadership in bringing this regional initiative to fruition.

The Greater Portland Biotech Hub for exemplary leadership in regional economic development collaboration

The Greater Portland Council of Governments commends the Cities of Portland, South Portland, and Westbrook together with the Town of Scarborough for their shared commitment to build a strong, regionally based economy through the formation of the Greater Portland Biotech Hub; and further that the GPCOG recognizes the special efforts of the economic development directors in each of the participating communities to work collaboratively in support of regionally based economic development activities and strategies.

The Town of Raymond and the Veterans Memorial Committee for exemplary citizen initiative and participation

The Greater Portland Council of Governments commends the Town of Raymond for its support and strong encouragement of the Veterans Memorial Committee and the Committee's extraordinary citizen volunteer efforts in developing and funding the Veterans Memorial Park.

ecomaine for exemplary regional environmental leadership

The Greater Portland Council of Governments commends the Board of Directors and Management of ecomaine for their steadfast commitment and leadership in developing and implementing a Single Sort Recycling program thereby resulting in a dramatic increase in recycling efforts throughout the southern Maine region; and further that GPCOG recognizes the positive environmental impacts and contribution to a sustainable regional community resulting from ecomaine's recycling program.

The Thomas Memorial Library for creative excellence in promoting children's literacy

The Greater Portland Council of Governments commends the Thomas Memorial Library, a department of the Town of Cape Elizabeth, for creative excellence in developing and implementing The Lonely Books Club, a program that seeks to promote literacy and the transition of cultural values by encouraging children to discover the wonders of older literature that over time has become underutilized; and further that the GPCOG commends the generosity and civic spirit of the Cape Elizabeth-South Portland Rotary Club for their financial support of The Lonely Books Club program.