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2013 PRESERVATION EXCELLENCE AWARDS

City Of Chicago: Code Enforcement Team 121 N. LaSalle St. Advocacy

Recipients: Department of Law, Building and License Enforcement Division

Department of Buildings, Inspection Division

Department of Fire, Bureau of Fire Prevention, Court Inspection Division

This dedicated group of City employees has been instrumental in assisting the Historic Preservation Division with addressing building violations assigned to Chicago Landmark properties. The attorneys and inspectors have partnered with the Historic Preservation Division to insure that, not only are buildings repaired and brought up to building code standards, but that they are fixed in accordance with the Secretary of Interior's Standards and Guidelines for Rehabilitation.

In addition, they have been instrumental in the recent decrease in vacant and abandoned buildings, some in landmark districts. Their patience and creative problem solving have enabled Historic Preservation Division staff to intervene in such cases and be proactive when it comes to working with owners and banks to encourage reuse and rehabilitation.