

## Special Communication

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### **Kenneth S. Field**

The Gradwohl Medal is the Academy's highest honor, bestowed in recognition of a lifetime of distinction and exceptional service to the organization and the profession. Established in 1975, the Gradwohl Medal has been awarded to only six other individuals.

A member of the Academy since the early 1970s, he was Executive Director of both the Academy and the Forensic Sciences Foundation for two periods of time, in the 1970s and again from 1979 until 1984.

In addition to holding these key positions, and shepherding the Academy and Foundation moves to Colorado, he has served both organizations in many capacities, including as a Trustee of the FSF, chairman of the Strategic Planning Committee, of the Definition of

Forensic Science Committee, and History of the Academy Committee. In the history committee capacity, he is almost solely responsible for producing the journal Supplement to Volume 43 (Jan, 1998) that presents the history of AAFS in its fiftieth year. For more than 16 years, he has been a member of the Editorial Board of this journal.

For his outstanding and exceptionally dedicated service to the Academy, the Foundation, and the forensic science profession, in many different ways over many years, AAFS President Dr. Richard Rosner awarded the R.B.H. Gradwohl Medal to Kenneth S. Field at the 49th Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Forensic Sciences in New York, NY in February, 1997.