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Sandone Earns Restoration Industry Recognition

Glenolden, PA, June, 2007 – Mr. James Sandone, CR, WLS, of Delaware County Fire Restoration/Janitorial Services was recently awarded the designation, "Certified Restorer®" (CR), from the Restoration Industry Association (RIA).

Delaware County Fire Restoration and Janitorial Services has served *Glenolden* and the surrounding areas for 33 years. They are a family owned and operated company that has over three decades of experience and knowledge in the restoration industry.

This is the highest recognition awarded in the cleaning and restoration industry to professionals engaged in property damage restoration as a result of fire, smoke, water, vandalism and other perils. Since inception, only 485 individuals have earned the CR designation. Those who achieve the CR status must complete intensive educational requirements demanding a broad range of expertise in the restoration arts. They also must author a formal paper or report on an approved professional subject and demonstrate their knowledge and their commitment to the RIA Code of Business Ethics.

The CR program was started in 1976 by the National Institute of Disaster Restoration (NIDR), one of five institutes of ASCR, now known as the Restoration Industry Association (RIA), to provide a standard of excellence in professional restoration. The "Certified Restorer" designation represents the elite in the field and a CR must continually meet the standards expected of him/her by the RIA in return for the privilege of displaying the "CR" credential.

The newly minted CR Designees were also required to prepare a formal report on an approved research topic, pass a rigorous exam which demonstrated their knowledge in this area, and to formalize their commitment to the RIA and Restoration Council Code of Ethics.

RIA is the restoration industry trade association with more than 1,200 member firms worldwide. RIA provides industry leadership, supports science, and promotes best practices for cleaning and restoration. More information is available on the RIA website: www.restorationindustry.org.