



Mick Ramirez Biography

The **Mick Ramirez Volunteer of the Year Award** honors the career and dedication of Michael D. "Mick" Ramirez. A dedicated volunteer, Mick was a staunch supporter of the principles of IRP. He was well respected for knowledge of the ins-and-outs of the IRP and for his opinions on IRP operations. Many jurisdictions looked to Mick for guidance or recommendations. In addition, he had a genuine sense of humor and a sincere interest in his fellow man.

For over 20 years Mick represented the State of Illinois, first as Assistant IRP Supervisor, then as IRP Supervisor, and then as Assistant Administrator of the Commercial & Farm Truck Division, the Division that oversees the IRP Administration in Illinois.

Mick served on many IRP Committees. When serving as Chair of the Peer Review Committee, he instituted a program through which committee members went outside of their regions to conduct Peer Reviews. This gave a fresh perspective when reviewing processes and operations. He served on the Dispute Resolution Committee, where he was known to ask the important question and listen attentively to the resulting explanation. He served on the AAMVA Ad-hoc HVUT Committee and had been a member of the NAFTA Committee. In addition, Mick served as a presenter for many seminars and programs initiated by IRP.