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Falmouth Fire-EMS Department Presents Awards

The Falmouth Fire-EMS Department held its annual Awards Recognition Dinner on Saturday night in Falmouth. Over 120 people attended the dinner, held each year to honor the firefighters and emergency medical technicians for their service to the community.

Several presentations were made and the annual awards were handed out:

The Recruit of the Year Award is presented to the recruit who best exemplifies the conduct required of a Falmouth Fire-EMS member and continually demonstrates a dedication and commitment as well as excellence in job performance.

2008 Recruit of the Year – Sophia Njaa

Awarded to the firefighter / emergency medical technician that best exemplifies motivation, dependability, and dedication to the department and community. His/her actions in emergency situations prove knowledge, ability, and professional demeanor with the public and co-workers. The FF/EMT of the year possesses a positive attitude and is always willing to help others complete a task or assignment.

2008 Firefighter/EMT of the Year – Gregory Murphy

Awarded to the Officer that best displays motivation, dependability, and dedication to the department and community. The Officer of the Year maintains a positive attitude, is knowledgeable, and leads by example on scenes and at trainings. The Officer of the Year displays loyalty and respect for supervisors, peers, and subordinates and is respected by supervisors, peers, and subordinates.

2008 Officer of the Year – Lieutenant Bill Cochran

Chief Howard Rice, Jr. also presented two awards to individuals in the community who have provided assistance to the department over the past several years. Carol Kloth, the former Dispatch Supervisor, was presented a Chief's Award and thanked for her 20 years of service to the community and to the members of Falmouth Fire-EMS Department.

The second Chief's Award went to Phil Van Brunt, Salvation Army Disaster Coordinator, for his assistance at numerous emergencies in Falmouth by providing food and drinks to members on scene. Phil and his crew respond to major emergencies all over Southern Maine and assist emergency services personnel in many communities. Chief Rice commented that the majority of the Falmouth crews were treated by Phil to Valentine's Day dinner in 2008 during the fuel spill emergency on Allen Avenue Extension.

The following members of the department were recognized for their years of service:

5 Years

David Greenwald

Brian Saucier

10 Years

Bobby Cooper

Bill Dixon

Will Hawkes

Tyler Nash

Laurie Page

15 Years

John Bellino

25 Years

Steve Shaw

Station coverage was provided to Falmouth by the Windham Fire Department, Cumberland Fire Department, and Cumberland Rescue Department so that all members of Falmouth could attend the Awards Dinner.

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