

2009 DEPARTMENTAL MEMORANDUM # 27

DATE: April 22, 2009

TO: All Members of the Dallas Fire-Rescue Department

SUBJECT: 2009 Annual Awards Recipients

It is a pleasure to announce the award recipients for the Annual Awards Banquet, which will be held May 30, 2009. All nominees for the various awards have been investigated and the competitive awards were selected by an independent Judges Panel that was comprised of fire service professionals from around the country. The following recipients are to be congratulated for their achievements:

- **Distinguished Service Award**
Michael T. Gibbs, Fire and Rescue Officer, Engine 28 B Shift
- **Meritorious Service Award**
David R. Hickman, Captain, Fire Cause and Arson Investigation, D Shift
- **Life Saving Award**
Kenneth W. Ferguson, Fire and Rescue Officer, Rescue 33 C Shift
- **Outstanding Service to the Fire Department**
Larry Waller, Driver Engineer, 807 B Shift
- **Firefighter of the Year in Memory of John Clark**
Wilmer "Tony" Gerber, Fire and Rescue Officer, Engine 43 A Shift
- **Fire Officer of the Year**
Clayton J. King, Captain, Truck 49 C Shift
- **Staff Officer of the Year**
Laurel Pitman, Captain, Environmental Management Representative
- **Paramedic of the Year**
Horace Gerald Perry, Second Driver, Rescue 15 C Shift
- **Community Service Award**
David M. Smith, Driver Engineer, Chaplain Services
Robert B. Winters, Fire and Rescue Officer, Chaplain Services
- **Rookie of the Year**
DeAlo Marilla, Fire Rescue Officer, Engine 33 B Shift
- **Support Staff Member of the Year**
Monique Sasser, Office Assistant, Training and Support Services Bureau
- **Dispatcher of the Year**
Ronald S. Tucker, Second Driver, Fire Dispatch

- **Inspection and Life Safety Education Excellence in Service Award**
Carey Roper, Senior Fire Prevention Officer, Inspection and Life Safety Education
- **Explorer of the Year**
Paul Ayres, Dallas Fire-Rescue Explorer
Alan Garcia, Dallas Fire-Rescue Explorer
- **Dallas Fire-Rescue Service Award**
Clayton P. Griggs, Driver Engineer, Truck 17 B Shift
- **Dallas Fire-Rescue Safe Driving Award**
Don B. Jackson, Driver Engineer, Engine 41 B Shift
- **Box Four Fire Buffs Association Safety Award**
Battalion 7 C Shift
Battalion 8 C Shift
- **Emergency Medical Service Award in Memory of Doris M. Nelson**
Rescue 33 C Shift
- **Hot House of the Year Award**
Engine 6 A Shift
- **Special Recognition Award**
Dr. Elba Garcia, Mayor Pro-Tem
Timm England, DVM, Cedar Hill Veterinary Clinic
Entrepreneurs Foundation of North Texas
Mike Lowe, Service Manager, Maintenance Division
Debbie DeGroat, Telecom Analyst, Communication and Technology Section
Trixie Lohrke, Section Chief, Airport Rescue and Firefighting Section
- **Special Recognition Award cont.**
Fire Cause and Arson Investigation Division
Dallas Fire-Rescue Urban Search and Rescue
- **Barney McKenzie Humanitarian Award**
Darr D. Pierce, Driver Engineer, Engine 57, B Shift
- **Henry Majors Community Service Award**
Senior Corporal Donna Ross-Harper, Dallas Police Department
- **Dallas Hispanic Firefighters Association Community Service Award**
Richard A. Salinas, Fire and Rescue Officer, Red 01, B Shift

We hope that everyone will join us at the banquet on May 30, 2009 to honor these deserving members.

Eddie Burns Sr.



Eddie Burns, Sr., Fire Chief
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