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Public Safety Awards recognize the service of 24 honorees

THE WOODLANDS, TEXAS (September 11, 2012) – Twenty-four public safety heroes were recognized recently for going the extra mile to make The Woodlands a safe community as The Woodlands Township hosted the Annual Public Safety Awards with the theme, *“Honoring Those Who Serve.”*

Held at The Woodlands Resort and Conference Center with more than 250 honorees, guests, and community leaders in attendance, the event paid tribute to 24 individuals in public safety from The Woodlands Fire Department, the Montgomery County Sheriff’s Office and the Harris County Constable’s Office Precinct 4. Each honoree was chosen by their respective department for exemplary service and dedication to public safety.

Receiving a **Meritorious Service Award**, for the performance of his duties through exceptional and distinctive accomplishments:

- Battalion Chief Scott Windisch

Receiving a **Commendation Unit Award**, for performing their duties in a commercial fire at a multi-unit apartment complex:

- Lieutenant Joshua Smith
- Driver Operator Richard Allison
- Firefighter Tyler Leach
- Firefighter Joshua Tompkins

Receiving a **Life Saving Award**, for performing Advanced Life Support and life saving measures to save the life of an individual:

- Lieutenant Douglas Adams
- Driver Operator Baron Edmiston



- Lieutenant Andy Dexter
- Firefighter Michael Mims

Receiving a **Life Saving Award**, for performing rapid trauma assessment measures to save the life of an individual:

- Lieutenant Douglas Adams
- Driver Operator Scott Grimes
- Firefighter Joshua Thomas
- Firefighter Paul Taylor

Receiving a **Life Saving Award**, for performing Advanced Life Support and life saving measures to save the life of two individuals:

- Lieutenant Larry Grissom
- Driver Operator John Cantarella
- Firefighter J. C. Oneto
- Firefighter TJ Moore

Receiving a **Community Policing Award**, for the performance of his duties through distinctive professionalism, fostering the Community Policing concept and dedication to duty:

- Deputy Tom Conklin with the Montgomery County Sheriff's Office

Receiving a **Commendation Award**, for the performance of her duties through pro-active education in Rape Aggression Defense (RAD):

- Deputy Amber Harrison with the Montgomery County Sheriff's Office

Receiving a **Meritorious Service Award**, for developing and implementing the Montgomery County Sheriff's Office Chaplain Program:

- Deputy Mike Evans with the Montgomery County Sheriff's Office

Receiving a **Life Saving Award**, for providing immediate attention to a 10-month-old baby and performing infant CPR:

- Deputy Todd McCoy with the Montgomery County Sheriff's Office

Receiving a **Medal of Honor Award**, for his bravery and heroism in confronting an armed bank robbery suspect and subsequent apprehension:

- Deputy Kenneth Wakefield with the Montgomery County Sheriff's Office



Receiving a **Medal of Honor Award**, for his bravery and heroism in confronting a presumed armed robbery suspect and subsequent apprehension:

- Deputy Trey Weatherford with the Montgomery County Sheriff's Office

Receiving a **Commendation Award**, for thorough and steadfast investigation, clearing 67 Burglary of Motor Vehicle crimes and ultimately arresting four suspects:

- Deputy Mike Jones with the Harris County Constable's Office Precinct 4

Receiving a **Commendation Award**, for thorough and steadfast investigation, clearing 67 Burglary of Motor Vehicle crimes and ultimately arresting four suspects:

- Deputy Mike Ruby with the Harris County Constable's Office Precinct 4

The Woodlands Township hosts this event each year, along with support and sponsorships from many other businesses and individuals in The Woodlands and South Montgomery County area.

This year, the major sponsors were Black Forest Ventures, Kroger, Memorial Hermann – The Woodlands Hospital, Bayside Printing, The Woodlands Development Company, CB&I, Munday Chevrolet, Mellisa Ray Insurance Agency and Hodges Collision Center.

“Every one of these individuals ensures the safety and security of residents and visitors of The Woodlands,” said Bruce Tough, Chairman of the Board for The Woodlands Township. “We commend them for going the extra mile in making The Woodlands a safe community.”

Each honoree received a commendation of recognition from United States Congressman Kevin Brady, State Senator Tommy Williams and State Representative Rob Eissler. In addition, each honoree received a commemorative shadow box, clock and pen set, as well as gifts contributed by generous local merchants.

For more information on The Woodlands Township government, please call 281-210-3800 or visit www.thewoodlandstowship-tx.gov.

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The Woodlands Township honored 24 individuals from The Woodlands Fire Department, the Montgomery County Sheriff's Office and the Harris County Constable's Office Precinct 4 at its second annual Public Safety Awards. Held at The Woodlands Resort and Conference Center on September 8, 2012, the honorees were recognized for going the extra mile to make The Woodlands a safe community.



The honorees were:

Top row (left to right): Lt. Larry Grissom, FF TJ Moore, D/O Richard Allison, Lt. Doug Adams, FF Joshua Tompkins, Dep. Trey Weatherford, Dep. Todd McCoy

Middle row (left to right): Lt. Joshua Smith, FF Tyler Leach, FF Paul Taylor, Bat. Chief Scott Windisch, FF Joshua Thomas, Dep. Mike Ruby, Dep. Mike Evans, Dep. Kenneth Wakefield

Front row (left to right): FF J.C. Oneto, D/O Baron Edmiston, D/O Scott Grimes, FF Michael Mims, D/O John Cantarella, Dep. Mike Jones, Dep. Amber Harrison, Dep. Tom Conklin.

Not pictured: Lt. Andy Dexter

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