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Township's Public Safety Awards recognize the service of 16 honorees

THE WOODLANDS, TEXAS (September 9, 2013) – The Woodlands Township honored 16 public safety heroes 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.”*

Recently held at The Woodlands Resort and Conference Center with more than 250 people in attendance, including honorees, guests, and community leaders, the event paid tribute to 16 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 Unit Award** for their quick action in halting the fire and efficient and caring evacuation of more than 80 elderly residents at The Forum Senior Living Community - The Woodlands Fire Department Truck-108:

- Lieutenant Jerod Davenport
- Driver Operator Wade Sykes
- Firefighter Howard Rosenbalm
- Firefighter Justin Hill

Receiving a **Meritorious Unit Award** for their quick action in halting the fire and efficient and caring evacuation of more than 80 elderly residents at The Forum Senior Living Community - The Woodlands Fire Department Engine-102:

- Lieutenant Thomas R. Richardson
- Driver Operator Gary Bennett
- Firefighter Michael Mims
- Firefighter Steven Crenshaw

Receiving a **Meritorious Unit Award** for recovering more than \$225,000 in stolen property and making 63 arrests since its inception in October 2012 - The Montgomery County Sheriff's Office District 6 - Crime Reduction Unit:



- Senior Sergeant Jimmy Malmay
- Deputy Teri Ross
- Deputy Tim Boerema
- Deputy Todd McCoy
- Deputy Jason Hammons

Receiving a **Community Policing Award** for his innovative thinking, ability to build strong, productive relationships between the community and law enforcement, and excellent presentation skills:

- Deputy Brad Curtis – Montgomery County Sheriff’s Office

Receiving a **Community Policing Award** for his commitment to crime prevention education and restructuring of the curriculum for the Community-Tourism Oriented Policing - Crime Prevention Course that is taught throughout the year to all deputies assigned to The Woodlands:

- Deputy Jason Hopper – Montgomery County Sheriff’s Office

Receiving a **Meritorious Service Award** for establishing and fostering the relationship between the Hispanic Community and law enforcement by initiating Woodlands Watch meetings and crime prevention programs for Spanish speaking residents:

- Deputy Constable Abraham Valle – 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, Kevin Brady for Congress, CB&I, John Manlove Marketing & Communications, Joiner Partnership, Inc., Mellisa Ray Insurance – Nationwide Insurance, Talisman Energy, The Woodlands Development Company, Market Street – The Woodlands and Munday Chevrolet.

“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. In addition, each honoree received a commemorative shadow box, clock and pen set, as well as gifts contributed by generous local merchants.

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The Woodlands Township honored 16 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 7, 2013, the honorees were recognized for going the extra mile to make The Woodlands a safe community.



The honorees were:

Back row (left to right): Firefighter Justin Hill, Driver Operator Gary Bennett, Lieutenant Thomas R. Richardson, Firefighter Steven Crenshaw, Deputy Brad Curtis, Deputy Jason Hopper, Deputy Todd McCoy, Deputy Constable Abraham Valle

Front row (left to right): Firefighter Howard Rosenbalm, Driver Operator Wade Sykes, Lieutenant Jerod Davenport, Firefighter Michael Mims, Senior Sergeant Jimmy Malmay, Deputy Jason Hammons, Deputy Teri Ross, Deputy Tim Boerema

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