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TOWN OF ACTON

Memo

To: Board of Selectmen
From: Steven L. Ledoux, Town Manager
Date: March 24, 2010
Re: Public Safety Employee of the Year

It is my pleasure to recommend that Firefighter/ EMT Brent Carter be named Public Safety Employee of the Year and be recognized as such at Town Meeting

Steve:

Recently you asked for nominations for a Public Safety Employee of the Year award for 2009. Last year, as you recall, the award was graciously provided to the Hayes family in memory of Firefighter /EMT Leo Hayes.

This year it is my pleasure to submit the name of Firefighter/EMT Brent Carter for consideration for this award. Firefighter/EMT Carter is without a doubt a fine Firefighter and EMT and performs his duties well. However, the basis for my recommendation is more to do with his efforts in the area of Public Education which tends to go above and beyond his regular duties. This is especially true in regards to his efforts with our SAFE (Student Awareness of Fire Education) program. For the last year especially, Firefighter Carter has organized and headed up this program and also as a SAFE educator has presented a number of these programs , with the assistance of other firefighters. These programs have been presented to schools groups, civic groups and the general public. He has definitely been influential in the revitalization and reorganization of this program and the selection and purchase of the new SAFE trailer which is operated by the cities and towns of Fire District 14 (23 cities and towns). He has also organized our local efforts for the last several years for Winterfest and our Open House. He has organized various Boy Scout presentations and several presentations by SAFE personnel at the Acton Public Library. He is compensated to some degree for his efforts from the grant funding for this project. However, I know that he spends many uncompensated hours due to his strong dedication and commitment to this program and to the general education of the public in matters of fire and life safety. In some cases this involves changing his schedule or time with family and/or working at home to accomplish his efforts. In addition to these endeavors, I am aware that he is also a constant participant in various charitable fund raising endeavors and civic projects. Finally, he has also been greatly involved in the organization of a number of events for the benefit of our firefighters and their families. I would also note that through all of these activities he has not sought any personal recognition or acclaim for his efforts and /or activities. I do not mean to indicate by this recommendation that any of our other firefighters do not participate with and/or assist Firefighter/EMT Carter with the delivery of these programs or participate in many of the same activities. However, it is my impression that Firefighter/EMT Carter is driven in his pursuit of the delivery of these programs and their benefit to the children and the residents of the Town. For this, I believe he is deserving of recognition for his attitude, drive and accomplishments in this regard. Thank you for your consideration of this recommendation.

Robert C. Craig

Fire Chief