



# DARIEN-WOODRIDGE

Fire Protection District

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## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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The Darien–Woodridge Fire Protection District held its 12<sup>th</sup> annual Service Awards Ceremony on Saturday, May 6, 2006. Employees and officials were recognized for their years of service along with other awards.

### Service Awards

Lt. David Lambright, Lt. John Tabisz *20 years*; Lt. Mark Cooper *15 years*; Commissioner Sam D'Agostino, Administrative Assistant Kathy Trapp *10 years*; FF Matthew Duffy, Administrative Secretary, Elizabeth Goldrick, FF/PM Jennifer Phillips, FF/PM Frederick Reynolds *5 years*.

### Good Samaritan Service Awards

Lt. Daniel Krakora, FF/PM James Karasek *15 years*; FF/PM Brian Isley, FF/PM Jennifer Phillips, FF/PM Frederick Reynolds *5 years*.

**Award of Merit** was presented to Firefighter **Rytis Juzolenas** for his efforts in the updating and enhancements to the District's pre-plan maps and floor plans. He is to be commended for his skill and ability to utilize a computerized drawing program to create professional and accurate drawings to assist and guide the emergency crews on a daily basis. It is for this year-long project and continued work that he was recognized for this award.

**Employee of the Year 2005** award was presented **Lt. Daniel Krakora** as nominated by his fellow employees and judged to be the most deserving. Dan has been cited to be very organized and professional in his manner to coordinate the District's Emergency Medical Service Program. His attributes include his caring approach to assist all of the medical personnel in their continuing education and to act in the liaison role between our personnel and Good Samaritan EMS Department. He is directly responsible for the development of the specifications and in-service preparations for the recently purchased ambulance. He provided oversight and training of our personnel for the new computerized reporting systems. His long-standing involvement in the EMS Division has provided numerous benefits to our district and our personnel.

### Certifications Attained:

**Fire Apparatus Engineer** – FF/PM Erik Baran, FF Rytis Juzonlenas, FF/PM Matthew McClenning. **Firefighter II** – FF/PM Shawn Lamb, FF Gregory Spiewak. **Fire Service Vehicle Operator** – Lt. Patrick Foley, Lt. James Skrabel, FF/PM Steven Gorsky, FF/PM James Karasek. **Technical Rescue Awareness** – Lt. Mark Cooper, Lt. James Skrabel, FF/PM Brian Isley, FF/PM Darren Lino, FF/PM Shawn Lamb. **Fire Officer I** – FF/PM J. Vincent Phillips. **Training Program Manager** – Lt. James Skrabel. **Vehicle & Machinery Operations** – B/C Joseph Worden

**Humanitarian Service Metal** – AWARD AND DECORATION TO ALL WHO SHALL SEE THESE PRESENTS GREETINGS: THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT THE PRESIDENTS OF THE MUTUAL AID BOX ALARM SYSTEM AND THE ILLINOIS FIRE CHIEFS ASSOCIATION HAVE AUTHORIZED BY EXECUTIVE DIRECTION AND ORDER TO BE AWARDED HUMANITIAN SERVICE METAL HURRICANE KATRINA – LOUISIANA RESPONSE AND RELIEF EFFORT TO: **FF William Geary, FF/PM Steven Gorsky, FF/PM Brian Isley and Lt. Steven Porter** FOR OUTSTANDING AND SUSTAINED INDIVIDUAL AND TEAM ACTIONS FOR THE PERIOD OF SEPTEMBER 5, 2005 TO OCTOBER 14, 2005 IN SERVICE WITHIN THE STATE OF LOUISIANA, HURRICANE KATRINA RESPONSE AND RELIEF EFFORT.

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