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## SCOTT MURLEY NAMED 2009 “FIREFIGHTER OF THE YEAR”

(TEMPLE TERRACE, FL. – 3/1/10) – Captain/Paramedic Scott Murley has been named the Temple Terrace Fire Department’s *2009 Firefighter of the Year*.

The award recognizes Murley’s high level of performance as a firefighter, paramedic and department leader, along with his commitment to the community, said Temple Terrace Fire Chief Keith Chapman.

Murley took an unusual career path into firefighting. He studied jazz at the renowned Berklee College of Music in Boston before moving to Florida in the 1990s and earning his firefighter certification. It may not have been the traditional climb up the fire ladder, Murley says, but he never looked back.

“Something just seemed to be missing,” he said. “I felt (firefighting) was something I’d enjoy, something that would be a good career move ... and it turned out it was.”

Murley worked for Pasco County Fire Rescue from 1996-1998, coming to the Temple Terrace Fire Department as a firefighter/paramedic in 1998. He distinguished himself early as an easy-going and hard-working professional, and in 2005 he was promoted to Senior Paramedic. Murley played “a direct and critical role” in providing the high level of patient care demanded by the fire department, Chapman said.

In 2009, Murley was named a Captain/Paramedic, and took responsibility for “Shift C” command. Murley’s colleagues describe him as “the guy up front, leading by example.”

Murley says he’s honored to be named the department’s Firefighter of the Year, but he credits his success to his crew.

“I am honored, but I think it’s because of the people I work with,” he said. “If you work with a great group of people like them, they make anybody look good.”

Murley, 39, lives in Temple Terrace with his wife, Andrea, and their two children, Craig and Grace. He continues to play jazz guitar in his spare time away from the fire station.

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