



# TEMPLE TERRACE FIRE DEPARTMENT NEWS RELEASE



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## **Mike Schaer Named Temple Terrace ‘Firefighter of the Year’**

**(TEMPLE TERRACE, FL. – 1/17/07) - Temple Terrace firefighter Mike Schaer has been named the department’s 2006 “Firefighter of the Year.”**

**Schaer, 26, joined the Temple Terrace Fire Department in 2003 and has “demonstrated excellence not only with firefighting and emergency care, but also with his leadership on a day-to-day basis,” said Assistant Fire Chief Keith Chapman.**

**Schaer has been involved in numerous department programs, including the Muscular Dystrophy Association summer camp and softball tournament; the department’s Safety Committee and Labor Management Committee; the department’s annual Open House; and the Holiday Food Box Program, among others.**

**“Despite his short time with our department, Mike’s contributions have been invaluable,” Chapman said. “Mike continues to look for ways to improve our department, and he’s well-deserving of the ‘Firefighter of the Year’ award.”**

**The award was presented by Mayor Joe Affronti and Temple Terrace Fire Chief Ernie Hiers during the Jan. 16, 2007 Temple Terrace City Council meeting. Several other 2006 Fire Department awards were presented.**

### ***Cardiac Alert Award:***

**Engineer EMT Mark Mosich; Firefighter EMT Shannon Parker; Firefighter Paramedic Elbert Pirtle; Firefighter Paramedic Mike Schaer; Engineer Paramedic Carl Sullivan.**

### ***Run of the Month Award (Sept. 27, 2006):***

**Capt. EMT Charlie Bridges; Firefighter Paramedic Mike Schaer; Firefighter EMT Shannon Parker; Engineer EMT Mark Mosich; Engineer Paramedic Pierre Conze; Firefighter Paramedic Christopher Ashley.**

*Appreciation Award (Sept. 24, 2006):*

**Capt. Paramedic Henry Hartzner; Engineer Paramedic Scott Murley; Firefighter EMT Robert Johnson; Firefighter EMT Jeff Estevez; Firefighter EMT Mike Davis; Engineer Paramedic Pierre Conze.**

*Appreciation Award (Sept. 22, 2006):*

**Firefighter Paramedic Charlie Wathen; Engineer Paramedic Nick Weidner; Firefighter Paramedic Bobby Reed.**

*Run of the Month Award (June 7, 2006):*

**Acting Division Chief Phil Armiger; Firefighter Paramedic Michael Brown; Firefighter Paramedic Mike Davis; Firefighter EMT Jeff Estevez; Engineer Paramedic David Samon.**

**For more information on these awards, contact Assistant Fire Chief Keith Chapman at (813) 989-7121.**

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