



TEMPLE TERRACE FIRE DEPARTMENT NEWS RELEASE



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TEMPLE TERRACE FIRE DEPARTMENT FIREFIGHTER OF THE YEAR – ANDREW MUZZY

(TEMPLE TERRACE, FL - 05/03/06)— The Temple Terrace Fire Department has announced its Firefighter of the Year. Firefighter Paramedic Andrew Muzzy, a four-year employee of the department, has earned top honors for 2005.

On December 22, 2004, a residential kitchen fire took the lives of two cherished family pets. Because of the actions of Firefighter Paramedic Andrew Muzzy, a third family pet was saved. Upon arrival at the scene, heavy smoke and heat conditions gave the grim impression of little possibility of a rescue. The firefighting crew carefully entered the building and completed a search, locating the pets. Due to Firefighter Muzzy's medical treatment with oxygen and the tender touch of reassurance, this rescue effort was not in vain. The injured dog was transported to a local emergency veterinary clinic by the Police Department for treatment. Today, this family pet has made a full recovery, thanks to the efforts of Firefighter Andrew Muzzy.

Firefighter Muzzy consistently supported the mission and values of the Fire Department. He worked diligently to oversee and revamp the Fire Department Honor Guard, leading the department in the 2005 July 4th Parade. Additionally, Firefighter Muzzy coordinated a pancake breakfast to raise funds for two of his brother firefighters who were experiencing personal difficulties.

Firefighter Andrew Muzzy will be recognized for his efforts at the 12th Annual Heroes Luncheon on May 4 at the Tampa Convention Center.

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