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(TEMPLE TERRACE, FL. 5/4/07) – A Temple Terrace firefighter and a Temple Terrace police officer were honored Friday at the 13th annual **Our Heroes Luncheon** at the Tampa Convention Center.

The event, which started in 1994 to honor Tampa police officers, has grown into a regional event that honors law-enforcement officers, firefighters and paramedics who have distinguished themselves in the line of duty.

Temple Terrace firefighter Mike Schaer was honored for his work with the Muscular Dystrophy Association summer camp and softball tournament, among other charitable programs. Schaer was named Temple Terrace's 2006 "Firefighter of the Year" in January.

Senior Police Officer Steve Owsinski was honored as the Temple Terrace Police Department's 2006 "Officer of the Year." He will be recognized by the Temple Terrace City Council on May 15, 2007.

Police officials lauded Owsinski for an "overall performance, demeanor, integrity and ethics" that rises "above the call of duty."

In all, about 20 law-enforcement personnel, firefighters and others were honored at Friday's event.

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