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## **Eustis Recognizes Firefighter's Achievements**

EUSTIS – During an awards ceremony conducted on July 24<sup>th</sup> at the Eustis Fire Department, the City recognized several of its own firefighters for their outstanding achievements in their department, the community, and the City. Those recognized were:

Lieutenant Pat Connolly, Firefighter Chad Williamson, and Firefighter Chance Neeld were recognized and received their award for perfect attendance in 2005.



Firefighter / Engineer Chad Massey received the 2005 Firefighter of the Year Award from the Eustis Fire Department. Massey was earlier awarded a Medal of Valor for his participation in rescuing an entrapped occupant of a burning residential building.

Senior Engineer Richard Shirk received a plaque recognizing over 40 years of combined volunteer / full time service to the Eustis Fire Department.



Although he was not able to attend the awards ceremony, Charles "Smokey" Cash was recognized for his service on the Firefighters Pension Board since 1989. Mr. Cash and his wife, Barbara, have sold their home and will be moving to Alabama. They will both be missed by all members of the Fire Department as well as other members of the community.

Congratulations were offered to the award recipients by Michael Stearman, City Manager; Chief Fred A.M. Cobb, Senior Director of Public Safety / Chief of Police; and Chief Roy Tremain, Eustis Fire Chief. Commissioner Frank Royce was also in attendance and offered his congratulations to individual recipients.

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