



2016 Valor Awards Honor Community Heroes



Will Thomas

In late April, the Fauquier Chamber of Commerce held its annual Valor Awards ceremony at Fauquier Spring Country Club to recognize exemplary law enforcement officers, dispatchers, fire and rescue workers, and military veterans. The master of ceremonies was Will Thomas, a former Fox 5 DC television news anchor.

Congressman Robert Hurt opened the ceremony with brief remarks and assisted with a special presentation to Captain Joel Karsten Chase, USA (Ret.). A Vietnam War veteran, Captain Chase received multiple medals, including the Silver Star and a Purple Heart, for valor on the battlefield and serious injuries sustained.



Joel Karsten Chase

In August 2015, a sheriff deputy responded to a cardiac emergency call at Striblings Garage. Volunteer firefighters were on the scene providing CPR to the patient while procuring an ambulance. Prior to its arrival, however, firefighters utilized a defibrillator. When medics arrived, they found the patient with a pulse, and the responders worked together to prepare the victim for transport. Sheriff Bob Mosier and Interim Fire Department Chief Darren Stevens presented the 2016 Meritorious Unit Award to Fauquier County Department of Fire & Rescue



Emergency Management's Battalion Chief Randy Arft, and technicians Benjamin Wilson, Nicholas Baer, James Wyne, Jennifer Morris, and Sam Miller. They also presented the 2016 Life Saving Awards to Lois Volunteer Fire Company's Assistant Chief Neil Stribling and firefighters Joseph Stribling and Jacob Clopton, along with Goldvein Volunteer Fire Department's Michael Sullivan and Fauquier County Sheriff Patrol Division's Master Deputy Sheriff Alex Armstrong and dispatchers Gus Anderson and Joseph Murphy.

In July 2015, fire department personnel were dispatched to a serious auto accident. Callers reported people trapped inside their severely damaged vehicles. Crews worked for the next 35 minutes to free three entangled occupants, including a nearly-full-term pregnant woman who, were then flown to a trauma center in different medical helicopters. The Fauquier Chamber of Commerce

presented 2016 Meritorious Unit Awards to Warrenton Volunteer Company Rescue Squad 1's Lt. William Hayes, Sgt. Chris Sager, Firefighter Austin Oakley, and Master Technicians Brett Hamby and Michael Zingaro; Warrenton Volunteer Fire Company Wagon 1's Capt. James Campbell, Technician Michael O'Bannon, and firefighters Elaine Browning and



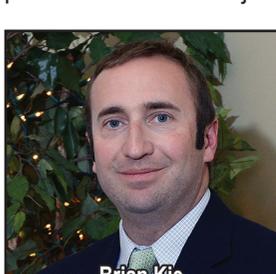
Todd McCall; and Fauquier County Department of Fire, Rescue, & Emergency Management Medic 1's Technician II James Wyne and Technician Rodney Greenwood.

In September 2015, a man collapsed at Akamai Technologies in Reston. Due to a glitch in the building's phone system, no outgoing calls could be made. Worried co-workers reached the only employee they knew to have emergency medical training. He grabbed the new defibrillator he had lobbied tirelessly to procure, found the man who had no pulse, and instructed co-workers to begin chest compressions while he charged the device. Together, they administered CPR for several minutes until the man began to breathe on his own. The 2016 Life Saving Award went to Emergency Medical Technician Volunteer Kevin Ege of the New Baltimore Volunteer Fire Company.



Kevin Ege

In 2015, the consistently high-quality investigative work of a local detective led to the successful prosecution of a subject involved in embezzlement from medical offices and nearly 100 counts of prescription fraud; the exposure of a multi-state credit card fraud ring; and the arrest of a subject who had been preying upon senior citizens to deceptively procure money. Warrenton Police Department Chief Louis Battle presented the 2016 Merit Award to Detective Brian Kie.



Brian Kie

In August 2015, law enforcement was called to deescalate an intoxicated, suicidal man with a loaded shotgun and pistol. Thanks to the responders' professionalism, the man's life was saved. Sheriff Bob Mosier presented 2016 Valor Awards to Corp. Dawn Rosenberry and Deputy First Class Samuel Field.

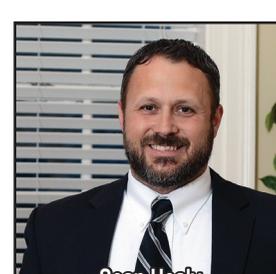
In March 2015, law enforcement responded to an accident scene with two unconscious occupants in a vehicle on fire. The responding officer deployed his fire extinguisher and enlisted the help of an off-duty police officer and other good samaritans to remove the vehicle's occupants, saving their lives. The 2016 Life Saving Award went to Fauquier Sheriff Department's Sgt. Jason Anns.



Bob Mosier, Dawn Rosenberry & Samuel Field



Jason Anns



Sean Healy

Fauquier County Sheriff Department's Special Operations Unit (SOU) combats the distribution of illegal narcotics, traces overdose deaths to the source supplier, and investigates drug-related crimes. SOU recently made the largest cash seizure in county history. Fauquier County Sheriff Department's SOU supervisor Sgt. Sean Healy was presented with the 2016 Merit Award.

On August 26, 2015, Vestar Lee Flanagan opened fire on two former news station colleagues and a bystander on live television. Two troopers were instrumental in identifying and safely stopping Flanagan's vehicle as it fled eastbound on I-66 through the Markham area. Virginia State Police sergeants Franz Mahler and Charlie Crummett, Jr., presented the 2016 Valor Award to Troopers Bernard R. Boteler and Derek J. Mabie.



Discovery Publications salutes the heroes who have gone beyond the call of duty to keep our community safe. Thank you to our local law enforcement, fire and rescue, and military veterans for their courage, sacrifice, and service!



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