

13-June-2009: Fire/Rescue Association Holds 2009 Banquet and Awards Presentation

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Rowan County's Fire & Rescue Association held its annual 2009 banquet and awards presentation on June 13 at the First Baptist Church in Salisbury. The event, attended by some 170 personnel representing the various fire and rescue agencies in the county attended. News Anchor Natalie Pasquarella from WSOC-TV Channel 9 in Charlotte hosted the evening as mistress of ceremonies.

Annual awards presented included the following:

- Telecommunicator of the Year: **David "Dav-i" Earnhardt**, Rowan County Telecommunications
- Medical Responder of the Year: **Wendy Yates**; Locke Fire Department
- Rookie of the Year: **Terri Welch**; Locke Fire Department
- Rescuer of the Year: **Bradley McKnight**; Locke Fire Department
- Firefighter of the Year: **Lonnie Owens**; Woodleaf Fire Department
- Company Officer of the Year: **Mark Troublefield**; Granite Quarry Fire Department
- Chief Officer of the Year: **John Thomason**; Franklin Township Fire Department
- Rowan County Emergency Services; Fire Division Award: GIS Technician **Columbus Hawks**

Miss Flame: Rachel Russell; West Rowan Fire Department

Little Miss Flame: Savanna Alligood; Millers Ferry Fire Department

Little Fire Chief: Jackson LaTurno; Locke Fire Department

The Rowan County Honor Guard recognized the following Fire and Rescue personnel who passed away in the last year:

- Floyd Morgan- Union Fire Department
- Bill Misenheimer- West Liberty Fire Department
- John Webb- Salisbury Fire Department
- Van Brown- Faith Fire Department
- Thomas Neill Jr.- Spencer Fire Department
- Walter Bostian- Millers Ferry Fire Department
- Robert Hunter- Woodleaf Fire Department
- Capt. M.L. Stone- Salisbury Fire Department
- Telecommunicator Mary Ruth Rogers- Salisbury Fire Department
- Capt. James David (Sonny) Livengood- Salisbury Fire Department
- Eng. William (Bill) Cross- Salisbury Fire Department
- Walter Chaney – Salisbury Fire Department
- Alward (Mac) MacDonald – Atwell Fire Department
- Chester Basinger – Salisbury Fire Department
- Telecommunicator Robin Foster- Rowan County Telecommunications

Event photographs are [available here](#).

Video presentations available for viewing include a [collage of incident responses](#) and a [community thank you from citizens](#) to the agencies.