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Firefighter Brandon Maple Earns *Outstanding Service Award*

Paulding County Chamber of Commerce 2016 Public Safety Awards Announced

Hiram, Georgia – September 2, 2016 – The Paulding County Chamber of Commerce honored Firefighter Brandon Maple with its *2016 Outstanding Firefighter of the Year Award*.

Firefighter Maple has been employed with Paulding County Fire & Rescue since 2006. He also served in the United States Marine Corps for 12 years, where he attained the rank of Staff Sergeant, and deployed on 3 tours-of-duty. Maple's overseas assignments included Yemen, Iraq, and Djibouti Africa where he led more than 40 U.S. Marines.

Firefighter Maple has a heart for serving others as demonstrated during his years as both a Marine and a Firefighter. In 2016 Maple earned numerous certifications including Advanced EMT, rope rescue, structural collapse, and trench/confined space rescue. As a result of his significant training and experience Maple became Paulding County Fire's only member of the elite multi-agency rescue team - Georgia Search and Rescue Task Force 6 (GSAR-6).

In addition to his commitment to Fire, Rescue and EMS training, Firefighter Maple has recently earned an Associate's Degree in Fire Science from Columbia Southern University. He's a family man, residing in Hiram, with his wife, 5 year old son, and 1 year old daughter

According to Lieutenant Nick Pullen, "Firefighter Maple is a model employee with a strong work ethic. He shows up early for every shift with a positive attitude and a willingness to do anything for the good of our community, no matter how big or small. He is diligent about staying physically and mentally fit to do the job as a firefighter and motivates others to do the same. His attention to detail and eagerness to mentor newer personnel illustrates his strong leadership qualities, and makes him a true asset to Paulding County."

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