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Battalion Chief John Parker Earns *Outstanding Service Award*

Paulding County Chamber of Commerce 2021 Public Safety Awards Announced

Dallas, Georgia – September 2, 2021 – The Paulding County Chamber of Commerce honored Battalion Chief John Parker with its *2021 Outstanding Firefighter of the Year Award*.

Chief Parker has served Paulding County Fire Department for 21 years, beginning in 2000. His daily duties include the management, development, and deployment of the seven Fire Station in the north half of the County, including 24 personnel under his command.

Chief Parker is known for having a high training tempo along with a high standard for his personnel through constant and applicable training exercises. While maintaining an aggressive training approach for his Battalion, Chief Parker pursues his own education and teaches state-level classes.

One of his strengths is the Incident Safety Officer course; a National Fire Academy class he teaches through Georgia Public Safety Training Center at least once a year for the past eight years. Students attending his class come from all over the state with class sizes averaging 30 students. In 2015, he obtained an Associates of Fire Science from West Georgia Technical College and is currently working towards his Bachelor of Science in Occupational Health and Safety.

According to Chief Joey Pelfrey, “Always willing to help anyone with anything and always operating with the best interest of the department in mind, Battalion Chief Parker is the example for others to emulate. I am proud of him and all of the nearly 200 employees of Paulding County Fire & Rescue.”



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