



CITY OF JERSEY VILLAGE, TEXAS

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Mayor's Newsletter March 2008

On Saturday, March 1st, the Emergency Services held their annual banquet to recognize the outstanding service that this group of volunteers brings to the city. It was a relatively small affair held at Northwest Forest. All the volunteers and staff gathered with the elected officials to recognize achievements and honor the volunteers that serve the city.

One of the unique things about Jersey Village is the safety and security that we enjoy, and often take for granted. I know it was a major factor when I decided to move my family to Jersey Village 15 years ago. We want prompt, reliable and professional service when we call 911 for the police, fire department and ambulance. We expect them at our door in a fraction of the time that residents in Houston or Harris County tolerate, and that does not happen by accident. It is the result of planning by the City Manager, EMS and Police Department heads; and careful budgeting of our tax dollars.

The Police Department is staffed by full-time, trained and dedicated employees. The Emergency Services Department has equally qualified, hard-working employees. The Emergency Services Department is staffed 24 hours a day by part-time firefighters / paramedics. These professionals are augmented by a group of volunteers that provide fire and EMS services to fellow residents. These dedicated citizens spend hundreds of hours each year training and preparing for emergencies, and diligently listen to their radios in order to respond when needed. We are fortunate to have citizens with that sense of dedication living here in Jersey Village.

All the volunteers were recognized for their service, and Fire Chief Mark Bitz recognized the following people for their outstanding service:

Most EMS Training Hours with 1,148.0 hours – Travis Clay

Most Fire Training Hours with 170.5 hours – Elizabeth Skipper

Most Responses with 526 out of 1029 – Ron Moore

EMS Member of the Year – Kerri Bierwagen

Firefighter Member of the Year – Trent Herrod

Chief's Award – Howard Mead

The EMS department showed a slide show during the dinner of photos of some of the wrecks and fires that the emergency services responded to during the last year. These occur at all hours of the day and night, and I was reminded that while I was home safe and secure, they were working to save lives. Next time you see any of the volunteers listed on the back, please take the time to thank them for their efforts. Better yet, if you are interested in becoming a volunteer yourself, please contact Mark Bitz at (713) 466-2143. As any of our current or past volunteers will tell you, the work is demanding, but the experience of helping our community is extremely gratifying.

THANK YOU

Volunteer Members and years of service

Frank Maher – 33

Bill Smith – 33

Mike Bunn-16

Howard Mead-11

Hank Taylor-10

Gary Wubbenhorst-10

Jacqui McCrea-10

Allison Clement-10

Zach Maher-9

Cristi Arteaga-7

Billy McCrea-6

Rodney Macon-5

Nic Arteaga-5

Terra Wubbenhorst-5

Ginger Smith-4

Ron Moore-3

Wayne Huebner-3

Sandy Rodriguez-3

Lynne Singleton-3

Katie Moore-3

Travis Clay-2

Justin Brodie-1

Kerri Bierwagen-1

Elizabeth Skipper-1

Brian Nicoli

Curtis Haverty

Eric Juergen

Life Members still living in Jersey Village

Bob Howe

Jerry Pendlum

Pat Pendlum