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ROSEMOUNT PUBLIC SAFETY PERSONNEL HONORED

Two Rosemount public safety personnel were honored last month for their service to the community. The Police and Fire employees of the year were announced at an event held by the Rosemount post of the American Legion to observe its 96th birthday.

Police Chief Mitchell Scott and Fire Chief Richard Schroeder provided profiles of the honored personnel.

POLICE

For the past five years, Rosemount Police Officer Danielle Waage has been a dedicated and committed Officer of the Rosemount Police Department and public servant to the residents of the City of Rosemount. In the past year she has undergone significant job challenges to better herself, the Department, and the community in which she proudly serves. She has recently become a Field Training Officer so that she can share her experiences and knowledge with Officers new to the Rosemount Police Department. As of April 6 she will be assigned to the position of Detective, becoming one of only two Department Detectives assigned to case management duties.

In 2014, Officer Waage worked tirelessly instituting a new police program, the Crisis Intervention Team (CIT), and became part of the Domestic Abuse Response Team (DART). The position can be very difficult as she must work with the individuals one-on-one in situations that are sometimes very stressful. She has shown her commitment to the job and these extra duties through follow up with the victims of domestic violence and crisis/mental health issues. She has become very passionate about this type of work and expresses the importance of dealing with mental health issues by law enforcement. Danielle has elevated the Rosemount Police Department to a higher standard with the hard work she has put into these programs.

The Rosemount Police Department and City of Rosemount are proud that Officer Waage has been selected as the Department's Police Officer of the Year. She has served with excellence and professionalism in keeping Rosemount a safe community.

FIRE

The 2014 Firefighter of the Year for the Rosemount Fire Department is Firefighter Ryan Slipka. He was chosen by his peers and has been a member of the Fire Department for almost five years. Slipka was recently nominated and selected as the new President of the Rosemount Firefighter's Relief Association, which manages the pension for Fire Department members.

Firefighter Slipka has proven to be a leader in his short time on the Department and has been a mentor for probationary firefighters. He is a person who can always be counted on when tasked with a project and gives up what little spare time he has to assist with other duties that are associated with the Department. For the past few years, he has assisted with fire prevention training at local area schools and has given numerous tours at Fire Station No. 1.

In addition to his duties at the Fire Department, he is also co-owner of a large landscaping business which takes up a good portion of his day during the summer months. He and his wife Mary have two children. Ryan carries himself with a high level of ethics in and outside of the Department, which shows through in his commitment to the Department and his family. His sense of humor is infectious and he knows how to make light of a bad situation.

The citizens of Rosemount should be honored to have a Firefighter like Ryan Slipka protecting and serving them.

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[NOTE TO REPORTERS/EDITORS: The Legion also typically honors a dispatcher of the year.]