



### **2016 Fire Department Fire Officer of the Year – Captain Kelly Turner**

Mesquite, TX – January 15, 2016 – The Officer of the Year is given to an outstanding officer for demonstrating commitment in a leadership position and for serving as a positive role model both on and off-duty. Our 2016 Officer of the Year is Captain Kelly Turner.

Captain Turner joined the Mesquite Fire Department in May 1997. He attained his paramedic certification in January 1999. Kelly promoted to Driver-Engineer in April 2004 and attained the rank of Training Lieutenant in May 2006. In 2011, Kelly was promoted to Captain in the Prevention Division.

Kelly has taken on much responsibility since the department's reorganization in 2012. He currently supervises four Lieutenant Inspectors who inspect all of the Mesquite's commercial properties. He is also the department's Public Education Officer.

Kelly has had many successes since taking on new responsibilities in 2012. Kelly has successfully lead a conversion to computer-based field inspections for our Prevention Division, helped to organize and teach four Citizen Fire Academy classes, learned how to review building plans so that he can be of assistance to the Fire Marshall, and most recently spearheaded the design and fundraising efforts for the new Freedom Park. With Kelly's leadership, the working group for Mesquite's Freedom Park has raised more than \$100,000 and is well on the way to constructing the new educational park for Mesquite citizens.

It is a pleasure to recognize Captain Kelly Turner as the 2016 Mesquite Fire Department Officer of the Year.