



Mesquite Fire Department 2017 Paramedic of the Year

The Paramedic of the Year award is given to an outstanding paramedic who consistently demonstrates professional excellence in the emergency medical services, moral integrity, leadership and commitment to provide quality EMS services to the citizens of Mesquite. This year's paramedic of the year is Eric Wright.

Eric hired on with the Mesquite Fire Department on August 15, 2011. He received his Paramedic License in February of 2013. Eric is a proud Member of the Mesquite Fire Department's Honor Guard and volunteers his time to assist with funerals of retired Members and during the annual Department 9-11 Ceremony. Last year, Eric was the recipient of the Fire Service Recognition bar for his actions during the rescue of two children from a chimney.

Eric's crewmembers have described him as having one of the best work ethics even while being assigned to the busiest ambulance and engine in the city. While most people get tired and at times burned out, Eric seems to thrive on helping people. It does not matter who the person is or what their complaint; Eric treats every patient with respect and dignity. He will diligently go through every medical protocol to make sure each patient is safely and accurately taken care of. Eric works to teach patients what is medically going on and how they can monitor their own health. You can see that he truly cares for people and makes sure that everyone is treated like family. Members of Eric's crew know that when they leave an EMS scene, the patient has been treated with the highest care and respect.

Eric constantly works on training materials to make sure his skills are the best they can be. Eric also works at Dallas Regional Medical Center. This is a huge benefit to the firefighters at his station because he is able to work with many different doctors and nurses, which gives him the chance to learn from them. Eric discusses what he has learned with his fellow firefighters and they are able to benefit from his experiences. A great paramedic takes care of their patients with the utmost skill and respect. Eric does this every shift. What makes Eric Paramedic of the Year is that he makes every Member of his crew better by constantly setting a great example.

Please join me in honoring Eric Wright as the 2017 Mesquite Fire Department Paramedic of the Year.