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2019 Recognition and Excellence Awards

Behind the Scenes: Hollie Casey



The behind the scenes award is reserved for an employee who contributes consistent dedication and commitment to the job through their efforts behind the scenes.

Throughout 2018, the scenery in and around the government complex transformed with new construction and renovations. During this massive transformation, County business proceeded as normal. A key player in building transformations and routine business transactions was an employee who is known for her consistent efficiency, dedication, and commitment. Whether producing purchase orders, ensuring the County is legally and financially protected in procurement transactions, ordering ink pens and staples, or accounting for every County credit card transaction, this employee's behind the scenes efforts touch the entire organization. While her presence was more visible this year than most, the vast majority of her work is conducted behind the scenes.

Distinguished Accomplishment: Department of Information Technology



Our distinguished accomplishment award is designed to recognize a team or individual for contributions toward a notable event or achievement that is significant in scope, effort or impact on County operations, the advancement of the County’s mission statement, or service to our citizens.

With an impact far greater than any one individual could make, the County is fortunate to have a team that is committed to all of the above. While nearly every County Department was impacted and contributed to the overall building project during 2018; one team, comprised of just four employees, was involved from the initial planning efforts and remains involved today. On the surface, it may appear as simple A/V system installations, network connections, or phone system hook ups; however, it took great dedication to reach the technological outcomes that were achieved under numerous challenges and various outside constraints. It was only through a commitment to integrity, value-added customer service, and teamwork that our Information Technology team was able to deliver the quality, state of the art equipment, systems, and networks that are intertwined throughout each of our new or renovated facilities.

Outstanding Leadership: Chuck Lewis



The Outstanding Leadership Award recognizes an individual who demonstrates a unique ability to guide and inspire others, which in turn contributes to the efficient and effective functioning of a team or department.

Through numerous years of experience with various agencies in his career field, the individual being recognized brings not only a depth of experience; but also has the unique perspective of a volunteer firefighter. This diverse background along with his leadership skills have been beneficial to his shift and to the entire Emergency Communications department. During 2018, this employee took the lead in revising and implementing enhanced policies. As the scheduling coordinator he ensured proper staffing at all times. He then accepted the role of Training Coordinator, ensuring new and established Communications Officers have the training needed to efficiently and effectively serve our citizens. This employee has and continues to be a leader for both volunteers and employees within Dinwiddie Fire & EMS.

Rookie of the Year: Gage Burke



The Rookie of the Year award recognizes an individual who has been with the County, as a full-time employee, for one year or less. The recipient embraces the mission of the County while consistently demonstrating the core values of integrity, value-added customer service, and teamwork.

This individual began his commitment to public service as a volunteer Firefighter. He joined the County as a part-time EMS provider in 2016 and in May of 2018, began full-time employment as a Firefighter/Medic. During his short time as a full-time employee, he has committed himself to working tirelessly each shift. He has demonstrated a strong desire and willingness to learn; and has demonstrated the ability to work as a contributing team member. Regardless of the task assigned, he does not complain; instead, he puts forth his best effort to complete the task at hand. Committed to enhancing his knowledge base and the service level provided to citizens, he is currently pursuing his paramedic certification.

Volunteerism: Alvin Langley



The Volunteerism Award recognizes an individual whose dedication to public service extends beyond their role as a County employee. The recipient must have demonstrated a high level of volunteer service to a non-profit organization, outside of normal work hours.

This individual spends as many hours volunteering as he does working. His response to calls does not end at the conclusion of his work day; it is, at this time, actually just beginning. He spends evenings and days off responding to Fire and EMS calls. If he isn't responding to calls, he can be found completing administrative duties, attending meetings, fundraising or training for the Ford Volunteer Fire Department. When he is not at the animal shelter or fire station, he can be found assisting numerous other volunteer, church or civic organizations, where he has been recognized for his contributions to their missions. During the past year, he dedicated his own time to assisting with a benefit for one of our own who was battling cancer. He has prepared meals for the football team, and assisted the local Ruritan Club with a fundraising event. He pitches in and helps wherever and whenever he is needed.

Astounding Part-timer: Christopher Taylor

(Photo not available)

The Astounding Part-timer award recognizes a part-time employee who has made a significant impact on County operations, advanced the County's mission or made a notable display of one or more of the County's core values: Integrity, Teamwork, and Value-Added Customer Service.

While this part-time employee is responsible for responding to EMS calls on a 12-hour shift; his full-time position requires him to respond to fire calls in neighboring Chesterfield County. This employee recognizes that our County's career Fire and EMS staff is new in providing fire services, so he voluntarily shared his experience and began taking it upon himself to work with and train with our firefighters and officers while he was not responding to EMS calls in Dinwiddie County. His contributions, without a doubt, have enhanced our firefighters' knowledge, skills, and safety; which in turn, equips them to better serve our citizens and community.