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ST. GEORGE FIRE DEPARTMENT CELEBRATED FIRST ANNUAL FAMILY AND AWARDS DAY
(Please see photos attached.)

The St. George Fire Department celebrated its first Annual Family Day Celebration on the grounds of its new headquarters at 14100 Airline Highway on Saturday, October 3rd.

The event featured inflatables for the children as well as food and refreshments for all Department employees and their families. Another fun activity was the holding of several friendly firefighter-oriented competitions, such as hose rolling and mannequin carrying relays, turnout gear two-minute drill races and an old-fashioned bucket brigade race to see which team filled a water barrel first.

Of course, the nature of the fire department's continuous operations meant only two of our three shifts could be fully represented, but family members of all three shifts had a great time. Next year, the event will be scheduled around the rotating shift schedule so the same shift is not inconvenienced.

Another special event that took place on Family Day was honoring employees for various career and distinguished line of duty accomplishments.

Service pins were presented to those with over ten years of service.

Special recognition and the awarding of Life Saving Medals were made to two crews, each of which had, on separate occasions, rescued and resuscitated a child from near-fatal drowning accidents. One of those crews so honored was that of Captain Jimmy Fincher, Lieutenant Eddie Fucci and Firefighter/Operator John Durbin. The other crew also recognized and presented Life Saving Medals was that of Captain Tim Helm, Lieutenant Jesse Wingate and Firefighter/Operator Shea Mitchell.

In addition, the Bravery Medal was awarded for the first time in Department history to Firefighter/Operator Jared Richardson. Firefighter Richardson was so honored for having dived into Bayou Manchac to rescue the occupant of a partially submerged and sinking vehicle.

Other presentations made were for outstanding performance in the line of duty. They were:

Communications Officer of the Year – Communications Officer Mike Musselman

Administrator of the Year – Chief of Special Services Bart Deshotel

Chief Officer of the Year – District Chief Frank Dellucky

Captain of the Year – Captain Lee West

Lieutenant of the year – Lieutenant Joe Chaney

Firefighter of the Year – Firefighter/Operator Richard Simoneaux

And, the Fire Chief's Award, presented to the member who epitomizes the highest values and qualities of a St. George Firefighter was presented to Lieutenant Kyle Shuford.

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