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Subject : Local Public Safety Employees Honored**Contact :** Chief Nick Marinaro, Palo Alto Fire Department 650-329-2424
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Recently-retired Fire Marshal Dan FIRTH was honored by the Palo Alto Chamber of Commerce on March 25th for his work to identify, locate, and document hazardous materials sites around the City. He helped organize the online UNIDOCs record system, which standardized the HazMat record systems for Fire Agencies County wide. The web-based system is now used by out-of-County agencies, as well.

Officer Ken DUEKER from the Police Department was also honored by the Chamber's Environmental Health and Safety Forum. Ken has worked to prepare the Stanford Business Park tenants for Disaster Preparedness, Continuity of Operations, and local community collaborations, following the same model used to prepare local neighborhood residents for disasters.

The Peninsula Council of Lions Clubs held their annual Awards Dinner on April 3rd at the Foster City Crowne Plaza Hotel, and they honored Fire Apparatus Operator Tamara SMITH with the Area-wide Community Service award for her extra efforts in coordinating the Fire Prevention Week Poster Contest in the Palo Alto Elementary Schools, last Fall.

The Lions also recognized police Traffic Officer Brad KILPATRICK for Community Service, for his efforts in coordinating a Holiday Toy Drive to benefit patients at Lucille Salter Packard Children's Hospital.

Fire Apparatus Operator John ROSINSKI was honored with the Lion's Club Area-wide Award for Heroism, after his efforts to rescue a paraplegic motorist who was trapped in a flame-engulfed vehicle. John will also be recognized by the American Red Cross at their upcoming "Real Heroes Breakfast" on May 8th at the Santa Clara Hyatt Regency.

Finally, the Police Department was also honored by MADD at their Statewide Awards Dinner in Sacramento, on April 18th. Over the last two years, the Department has arrested over 550 impaired drivers, enforced laws that prohibit the purchase of alcohol by minors, and provided in-service training to the operators of local bars and restaurants.

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