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Subject: Jefferson Fire District Honors Outstanding Service

The Jefferson Rural Fire Protection District honored their volunteer Firefighters, Ambulance Personnel, and Support Team at a recent awards banquet which took place at the Linn County Fair and Expo Center. Approximately 100 fire district personnel and distinguished guests were in attendance.

Firefighter Louis Gisler received this year's Firefighter of the Year award; Kathy Denton received the Medical Responder of the Year award; Danny Freitag was honored with the EMT Award; and Dan Cox as Paramedic of the Year. Matt Jones received Officer of the Year. Elizabeth Jones was recognized as the Support Team member of the Year, Mike Stablein was named Rookie of the Year and the Staff Award was given to Allison Printz. Kathy and Amanda Gisler were given the Community Service Award for the outstanding work they performed in collecting over \$1,000 in donations towards the successful 2010 Food Basket and Toy Drive.

Chief Jon Zeilman was honored for his 20 years of service to the district. Assistant Fire Chief Scott Shepherd received an award for his five years of service. Numerous training, ambulance service, and support team awards were also presented.

Chief Jon Zeilman reported on the many calls for service in 2010. He reflected on the many activities and events which took place in 2010 including the receipt of numerous awards and grants, and the success of the 2010 Emergency Services Expo. He commended the Volunteer Firefighters, Support Team, Ambulance Personnel, Board of Directors and Staff for their many accomplishments within the fire district.

Congratulations to all of the volunteers and ambulance personnel for the many hours they contribute to the Jefferson Fire District.



(Left to Right: Louis Gisler, Mike Stablein, Matt Jones, Kathy Denton, and Danny Freitag)



(Chief Jon Zeilman receiving an award for 20 years service with the Jefferson Fire District.)

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