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### **FEBRUARY 2010 FIREFIGHTER OF THE MONTH SELECTED**

Columbus Firefighter Rick L. Meadows was selected by his officers as the February 2010 Firefighter of the Month, Fire Chief Ned Pettus, Jr., announced today. A ceremony honoring Meadows will be held on Wednesday, February 24, 2010 at 1:00 p.m. at the Fire Training Complex, at 3639 Parsons Avenue.

Meadows joined the Columbus Division of Fire in November, 1988, and has served most of his years in the Support Services Bureau. He began his career assigned to Engine 18 and Squad 18 for three years. He transferred to Station 26 and then assumed the duties of Medical Supply Specialist, where he has worked for the past 16 years. As EMS-20, the Medical Supply Specialist, Meadows has received two Battalion Chief's awards, the Mayor's Award of Excellence, and the Division's Medical Director's award.

In a letter nominating Meadows, his Chief Officer, Assistant Chief Jerry L. Mason, wrote, "Firefighter Meadows continually exhibits his skill and knowledge in managing his budget, maintaining excellent relations with suppliers, tracking inventories and holding everyone accountable for following the rules and the chain of command. He is a "stickler" for following and making sure that others also follow Division policy. Rick's dedication to duty and his tireless efforts to maintain strict accountability for EMS supplies and equipment have resulted in efficiency and dependable responsiveness to the Division's everyday operating needs, as well as handling critical needs that may arise. I highly recommend Firefighter Meadows because of his extensive knowledge, dependability, outstanding work ethic, and his dedication to duty."

Meadows' immediate supervisor, Lt. Terry Neal stated: "Firefighter Rick Meadows is a hard working individual who spends lots of time documenting EMS inventory supplies and distribution of these items. This allows Rick to track supplies, missing and damaged equipment, with great accuracy. Rick's attention to detail also allows him to keep accurate account of purchase orders with various vendors who supply the Division with EMS Supplies."

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Meadows is a recipient of many commendations which include the Battalion Chief's Commendation in June, 1989 and October, 1994 for "Outstanding Service to the Division." He received the Mayor's Award of Excellence in 1994 for "Exceptional Public Service," and the EMS Medical Director's Award in 1996 for the "Advancement of Excellence in EMS" for the Division. Currently serving on the EMS Equipment Committee, Meadows has worked on all committees that have resulted in the Division's EMS System in place today.

A graduate of West High School in 1977, Meadows attended Columbus State Community College and graduated in 2002. He has been married to his wife Pamela for 28 years and resides in Hilliard, Ohio with their three sons, Robert, age 28, Michael, age 24, and Ryan, age 20.

Active in a number of community activities and volunteer work, Meadows attends the Hilliard United Methodist Church, volunteering twice a week at the Deaf Service Center. He is an avid baseball and sports fan and has been the baseball coach for the Hilliard Baseball Association and High School Association for Hilliard and Dublin City Schools for the past 20 years. He is a Class 1 Baseball and Volleyball Official for the Ohio High School Athletic Association where he has officiated for the past 26 years.

The Firefighter of the Month program is sponsored by the Insurance Professionals of Columbus, Ohio with support from the National Safety Council, Central Ohio Chapter.

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