



Rock Island Fire Department PRESS RELEASE

2009 Firefighter of the Year

Lt. Jon Briggs

Lt. Jon Briggs has been selected as the Rock Island Fire Department Firefighter of the Year. Lt. Briggs has served the department since March 2000. A native of East Moline, Lt. Briggs is a 1990 graduate of United Township High School. He received certification as a Paramedic from Blackhawk College. Jon worked as a Paramedic for Illini Hospital Ambulance prior to being hired by the City of Rock Island. Jon resides in Southwest Rock Island with his wife, Stacey and his daughter Hailey.

Lt. Briggs is assigned to Station 3 at 1601 30th Street, overseeing the operation of the station on Battalion 3. Jon is responsible for maintaining the department's reporting and record keeping software, spending not only working hours, but some of his time off ensuring that the system is functioning properly. He works closely with the city's Information Technology Department in his efforts and has streamlined the reporting process. Jon has also developed an online medical review process not only for the department's paramedics, but that is utilized by other agencies within the Trinity EMS System. Jon also serves as a member of the MABAS Division 43 Hazardous Materials Team, and will soon be undergoing training in Fire Investigation.

In a nomination letter from his fellow firefighters, "Jon takes great pride in his work with the RIFD, and it shows. As an officer on the fireground or at an EMS call, he ensures that his firefighters are constantly learning. Our shift is constantly looking for training opportunities that will benefit us not only on our daily calls, but when we are presented with the not so ordinary calls

Lt. Briggs sets an excellent example for other firefighters, being competent in both his firefighting and medical skills. Jon is an advocate for continual training and improvement of skills, not only for himself, but for fellow firefighters. Jon utilizes his knowledge and experience to plan daily training and reviews for his station personnel, ensuring that the group of firefighters he works with are ready to handle the array of incidents that can be presented to the RIFD on a daily basis.

Lt. Briggs is a model firefighter, dedicating his time and energy, both on and off duty, to ensuring the safety of the citizens of the City of Rock Island.