



## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **Florence Firefighters Awarded For Heroic Efforts**

Numerous members of Florence Fire/EMS received awards on Saturday night at the annual Northern Kentucky Firefighter's Association Banquet. The awards stemmed from the heroic efforts put forth by the members of the department at several different incidents in 2013.

BC Bud Webster and FF/PM Adam Begley were given the Award of Honor for their rescue of a victim trapped in a submerged vehicle in a pond on Sharon Drive in May. Webster and Begley, with assistance of Florence PD Officer Duncan, entered the water and were able to free a man who was trapped in an SUV that had gone into the pond.

Also receiving awards were Capt. Tom Talbert, Capt. Pat Marshall, FF/PM Mark Ober, FF/PM Ali Bultman, FF/PM Kyle Kaufman, FF/EMT Pete Doherty, and FF/EMT Josh Ellison, as well as members of Northern Kentucky Technical Rescue Team, for their efforts in attempting to rescue a young boy who was trapped in a submerged car in an incident on Surrey Ct. The firefighters involved in this incident were instrumental in the organization and direct action in a large, multi-jurisdictional effort to save the young boy. Because of their selfless and heroic actions on the scene, Florence Fire/EMS was given the "Department of the Year" award.

Florence Fire/EMS was also bequeathed the 2014 Firemark Award from Liberty Mutual Insurance. This award recognizes "An outstanding act of valor done selflessly and without due regard for personal safety".

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