



# **Certificate of Recognition**

## **2022 Firefighter of the Year**

### **Matt Asbell**

The Firefighter of the Year award, which recognizes one firefighter that exemplifies the true meaning of commitment and pride within an organization, has been decided through a vote by department members and awarded to Firefighter Matt Asbell for 2022. Matt began his career with the City of Dalton Fire Department in January of 2003. Over the last 19 years, he has elevated himself and is presently assigned to the rank of Firefighter 3 as a senior firefighter. Currently, Firefighter Asbell is in the training pipeline for attaining certification as a fire investigator to assist the department in that capacity. As a Firefighter 3, Matt is routinely in-charge of a company where he continually strives to stay educated and proficient in the latest skill sets related to the job, all while never forgetting the basic skills that have been the bedrock of firefighting for decades. Within the last six months, these skills were put to the test when Matt, not once, but twice placed himself into a hostile environment to retrieve victims trapped inside burning structures. Although the victims ultimately perished from injuries sustained, Matt afforded these individuals every possible opportunity for survival. It is for his commitment to the community, enthusiasm for the profession, and selfless acts that Matt has been chosen as the City of Dalton Fire Department's 2022 Firefighter of the Year.

3/22/2022  
Date

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Todd Pangle, Fire Chief