



Certificate of Recognition

Matt Asbell

On December 30, 2019, the City of Chatsworth Fire Department received a call for a reported structure fire at 69 Emerald Parkway. FF3 Matt Asbell was off-duty driving in the area when he noticed a column of smoke near him and went to investigate. When he arrived, he found smoke coming from a house at the above listed address. FF3 Asbell got out of his vehicle and talked to neighbors, asking them if anyone was at home. The neighbors were unsure, so Matt checked the doors on the house and discovered they were locked. He then kicked in the front door to make entry. It was a split level house, so FF3 Asbell proceeded downstairs to division 1. He performed a primary search of division 1 and found it was all clear. He then proceeded to division 2 where he was met by heat and fire which prevented him from completing the search. FF3 Asbell then exited the structure at the same time units from Chatsworth FD were arriving on scene. Matt did a face-to-face briefing with Captain Joey Torres to inform him division 1 was all clear. Chatsworth FD then took control of the operation. Captain Torres had high praise for FF3 Asbell and stated Matt's actions in clearing division 1 enabled them to go straight to division 2 to locate and extinguish the fire. FF3 Asbell's decision to enter a hostile environment while off-duty to try and save a life reflects great credit on Matt as an individual and the City of Dalton Fire Department and is an example of the dedication and professionalism frequently exhibited by our personnel.

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Date

Todd Pangle, Fire Chief