

To: Chief Daniel

February 13, 2024

From: Battalion Chief Brandon Bray

*Reference:* Firefighter of the year

Chief Daniel,

I am sending a recommendation to make Dale Reed firefighter of the year

Dale Reed consistently strives to perfect his firefighting skills and teaches others on all three shifts. He has taken on the leadership roll and involves himself often.

Reed pushes physical fitness within his company. He sets a high standard and has the ability to lead through positive reinforced relationships.

Reed has developed and lead the physical fitness program for the new recruits for several years. He arrives early everyday for 14 weeks and devotes extra time to the recruits. His methods are calculated and firefighter related. He strives to build a sense of teamwork within the recruit program.

Reed has been used by our training division to teach on all three shifts. His teaching methods and presentation is an example of the professionalism Dalton Fire Department requires.

Reed is also involved with training companies outside Dalton Fire Department. He has traveled to many cities to teach firefighting tactics. He has taught in Iowa, Alabama, Pigeon Forge, Florida, and many places in Georgia. He is traveling to Live Oak Texas next month to teach.

Reed spends much of his time teaching what he has learned to Dalton Fire personnel. He brings new tactic and innovative methods acquired by involvement with teaching companies. He has become one of the main instructors on A shift. His opinion and tactics are regarded by all personnel on A shift.

Reed is a valued member of a truck company (L-3). He is the only firefighter I let ride "in charge" of a truck company. I trust his decision making and leadership skills. He has proven himself competent on many occasions during a fire incident.

Dale Reed is a leader at the Dalton Fire Department and is respected throughout the firefighter community.

Thank you

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Brandon Bray", written in a cursive style.

Battalion Chief Brandon Bray