

# Memorandum

Date: June 17, 2015  
To: Spirit Award Committee  
From: J. Allen Jones, Battalion Chief  
Subject: Spirit Award Recommendation

I would like to take this opportunity to present this recommendation for the City of Germantown Spirit award for Fire Lieutenant/Paramedic Shari J. Turner. Lieutenant Turner started her Fire Service career with the Horn Lake Fire Department in Horn Lake Mississippi. She became a reserve firefighter for the Germantown Fire Department on July 12, 1989 being promoted to Full-time on October 9, 1989. When she first started with the department she was both an EMT and Certified Firefighter II. She was promoted to Apparatus Driver in July 1995 and Fire Lieutenant in December 1995. The Fire Department was growing alongside the city and the need for a more effective Emergency Medical Delivery system within the city was necessary to stay current with growth. This prompted Lieutenant Turner on her own to attend Paramedic School and certify as a Fire Lieutenant/Paramedic in June 2009.

This only a beginning to the training and versatility that Lieutenant Turner has achieved during her career with the Germantown Fire Department. Lieutenant Turner realizing the need for qualified Rescue Technicians within the department attended numerous Specialized Rescue training programs reaching instructor level in several of these training disciplines. Here is only a partial list of acquired training during her tenure with the department:

- 07-1988 National Registry Emergency Medical Technician
- 10-1989 Mississippi State Fire Academy Smoke Divers III
- 05-1990 Mississippi State Fire Academy Rescue Rope Specialist
- 12-1990 Tennessee Commission for Firefighters Standards Fire Fighter I
- 12-1991 Tennessee Commission for Firefighters Standards Fire Fighter II
- 12-1992 Tennessee Commission for Firefighters Standards Fire Fighter III
- 05-1993 Tennessee Commission for Firefighters Standards Fire Instructor I
- 05-1992 TEMA Hazardous Materials Operations Technician I and II
- 03-1995 Progressive Rescue Technician I (Rope Tech)
- 03-1995 TEMA Managing Search Operations
- 12-1996 Tennessee Commission for Firefighters Standards Apparatus Operator
- 09-1997 Rescue 3 International Swift water Rescue Technician I and II
- 06-1997 FEMA Rescue Specialist Course Montgomery County MD
- 04-1999 Tennessee Commission for Firefighters Standards Fire Officer I
- 09-1999 Progressive Rescue Technician II (Rope Technician)
- 11-1999 Progressive Rescue Technician III (Rope Technician)
- 12-1999 Progressive Rescue Technician IV and Instructor (Rope Tech/Instructor)
- 01-1998 Progressive Rescue Technician Belay and Testing
- 12-1998 Spec. Rescue International Trench Rescue Technician Train the Trainer

Listed is just a few of over 40 other certificates of specialized training. Lieutenant Turner was also a member of the Federal Emergency Management Agency Urban Search and Rescue team (Tennessee Task Force I) based in Memphis Tennessee. She is FEMA operations and Instructor certified in Structural Collapse, Rope Rescue, Confined Space Rescue, Trench Rescue and Swift Water Rescue. During her tenure with Tennessee Task force I (1999-2015), she instructed numerous Firefighters and Technical Search personnel both with the Task force and for both this and several other surrounding departments. She was part of the initial FEMA Tennessee Task Force I response to the pentagon during 911. She has also deployed with the Task force to numerous Hurricanes and other natural disasters.