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Midway receives awards for education and excellence

GEORGETOWN COUNTY — Midway Fire Rescue was recognized by the S.C. Association of Fire Chiefs this week for its outstanding efforts in the area of public safety education.

The Richard S. Campbell Public Education Award was presented to Midway during a ceremony the association had on Wednesday. This is the fifth time the department has received the award since it was introduced in 1991 to recognize fire departments for their commitment and dedication to fire and life safety public education for the citizens of South Carolina. No other combination department in the state has received the award more times.

“Midway Fire Rescue prides itself on being one of the few departments in the state that inspects every commercial and multi-family dwelling annually. The department is also very proud of its ability to provide effective fire and life safety education programs to the community,” said Todd Blomdahl, a fire marshal at Midway.

In 2013, Midway provided fire and life safety education to more than 5,573 members of the community during 184 programs. During these events Midway personnel provided more than 123 hours of fire and life safety education. Midway Fire Rescue utilizes its Division of Fire and Life Safety to develop and implement the fire and life safety programs within Georgetown County Fire District Two.

“This is a great achievement considering that Midway’s programs are compared to some of the largest combination departments in the state without the advantage of having a full time public education officer,” Blomdahl said.

Additionally, Midway was recently presented with the Award of Excellence from Horry County Fire Rescue at its award ceremony. The award is presented to outside agencies that provide outstanding support to Horry County Fire Rescue during extreme circumstances. Midway received the award for its response to the Windsor Green fire on March 30, 2013, along with the support Midway offered to Horry County Fire Rescue during the days following the fire.

“I am honored to accept an award recognizing the heroic efforts of our members that night as they worked to help save a neighborhood,” said Midway Chief Doug Eggiman. “The efforts that night illustrated the strong mutual aid support between the fire departments in Horry and Georgetown counties. I am confident they would do the same for us if the situation was reversed.”

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