Public Safety Fire Services Names Captain Chris Tinney as 2013 Fire Fighter of the Year

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Public Safety Chief Matt Messer recently announced **Captain Chris Tinney as the 2013 Fire Fighter of the Year**. Captain Tinney was nominated by his peers and subordinates for this prestigious award and selected by the Public Safety Command staff.

Captain Tinney began his career with the City of Holland in 2000 as a Lieutenant overseeing the fire service community involvement activities after leaving the Inspector/Assistant Chief's position he held in Bridgeport, MI. Tinney has held positions of shift Lieutenant, Fire Marshal, Interim Fire Chief until being appointed Captain of Fire Operations in January of 2011 when the Fire Department was merged with Police Department into the Holland Department of Public Safety.

Captain Tinney graduated with a B.S. in Social Science from Michigan State University; Certified to Fire Fighter I & II, EMT-Basic, HAZMAT Technician, Fire Investigator, Certified Fire Inspector II through the National Fire Protection Association, MI Fire Fighters Training Council-Fire Instructor I and recently completed the United States Fire Administration-National Fire Academy’s Executive Fire Officer Program.

Among several commendations for his work throughout his career with the City of Holland most notably is the outstanding leadership and direction he demonstrated throughout the transition to a public safety service model. Captain Tinney is well respected among his peers as a positive and creative force for continuous improvement and service to the citizens of Holland.

Chris is married with 3 children, 2 sons and a daughter and they live in the City of Holland.

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