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IT'S ALL IN THE FAMILY FOR PLANTATION FIREFIGHTER OF THE YEAR

Plantation, FL: October 12, 2011: As a part of their annual observance of Fire Prevention Week, the Plantation Fire Department selected Lieutenant Christopher Wallett., as the Member of the Year for 2011, fire chief Joe Harris announced today.

Wallett joined the Plantation department in 2003 after learning about it from his Uncle Jim who was also a member. Chris was named Rookie of the Year in 2003.

Early in his career, Wallett became involved with the Public Education aspect of the department. He thoroughly enjoyed working with the kids.

Public Education was the perfect fit for the big guy, with a huge heart for little kids.

In 2009 Chris accepted a promotion to Lieutenant at Station One. And in 2010 he accepted the responsibility of coordinating the Public Education activities for the Fire Department.

Until recently, every Summer, the Fire Department provided "Wet Downs" at all the City Summer Camps as a way for the kids to have fun with water and get to see the firefighters at the same time.

However, this Summer, due to severe water shortages, Wet Downs had to be suspended.

Lieutenant Wallett designed and built a fire safety obstacle course that teaches the kids to Check the Door, Stop, Drop and Roll, Stay Low and Crawl, and Get Out and Stay Out. The obstacle course allowed the Fire Department to continue their camp programs without having to use limited water supplies.

During his tenure with the Fire Department Chris has established himself as a leader and a mentor. And through his efforts has released a passion that will help educate and protect our youngest citizens for many years to come.

Lieutenant Wallett will be recognized at the Plantation Chamber of Commerce breakfast on Wednesday, October 12th at 7:30 AM at the Jacaranda Country Club and again before City Council at 7:30 PM, that evening.

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All in the Family: *Plantation Firefighter of the Year, Lieutenant Chris Wallet (r) poses with two other family members, Two time Firefighter of the Year, Lieutenant Jim Wallet, and Jim's wife, Lieutenant Sandy Wallet.*

Chris became involved with the Fire Department after learning about from his Uncle, Jim.

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