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**FIRE DEPARTMENT SELECTES VETERAN
AS MEMBER OF THE YEAR**

Plantation, FL: October 6, 2009: As a part of their annual observance of Fire Prevention Week, the Plantation Fire Department selected Jon C. Hatch as the Member of the Year for 2009, fire chief Robert Pudney announced today.

Hatch began his career as a volunteer firefighter & EMT in upstate New York. He relocated to South Florida and joined the Plantation Fire Department in 1996. Since that time he has worn many different hats in his service to our community.

In 1999 he earned a promotion to Volunteer Fire Lieutenant at Station 4. In 2003, after a great deal of soul searching, Jon surrendered his position as Volunteer Fire Lt. and became a career EMT with the Rescue Division.

Jon continued to be actively involved with the Fire Association, and in 2006 was elected Vice President, which he still serves proudly today.

In 2006, Jon also assumed the responsibility of Barbecue Chair for the Annual Fire Department Barbecue.

EMT Hatch will be recognized at the Plantation Chamber of Commerce breakfast on Wednesday, October 14th at 7:30 AM at the Jacaranda Country Club. Then again before City Council at 7:30 PM.

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