



Accepting the award for being the state's best all-volunteer fire department are DeKalb Fire Department members, from left, Lt. Andy Pack, Chief Donny Green, Fire Service Director Jeff Elliot, Lt. Dustin Johnson, Captain Michael Lawrence and Lt. Jeremy Neal.

## Fire department best in state

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DeKalb County Volunteer Fire Department is the number-one all-volunteer fire department in the state of Tennessee for 2017-2018 training achievement.

Jeff Elliot, Fire Service Program Director at the Tennessee Fire Service and Codes Enforcement Academy, presented this training achievement award to the department's officers Monday evening at the DeKalb County Commissioner's meeting.

This is the 10th consecutive year DeKalb County Fire Department has been recognized as one of Tennessee's elite fire departments for outstanding training achievement. Last year, the department was the No. 2 volunteer fire department in Tennessee for training hours. This year, the department logged 2,624 training hours at the state fire academy and was recognized as a Gold Level fire department in Tennessee for 2017-18.

DeKalb County Mayor Tim Stribling commended the department's members and leaders for continuing to make DeKalb County Volunteer Fire Depart-

ment's training program a legacy of excellence. "Our county takes great pride in the level of commitment and service that we continue to see year after year from our volunteer firefighters who work hard and train hard to make sure our citizens have good fire protection here in DeKalb County. Getting this kind of statewide recognition for the 10th consecutive year makes it very clear that we have an excellent group of committed men and women who sacrifice many hours to be prepared to respond to the emergency needs of our citizens," says Mayor Stribling.

Chief Donny Green personally commended Captain Brian Williams, the department's Training Officer, for his leadership, planning and coordination of the department's training activities in a manner that consistently spotlights our training program as one of top in the state; volunteer or career.

The Tennessee Fire Service and Codes Enforcement Academy provides excellent training programs delivered by professional and knowledgeable campus and field instructors. In addition to the 2,624 hours at the Academy, Captain Williams coordinated over 3,000 man hours of "in-house" training.

Chief Green noted without the support of County Mayor Tim Stribling, the County Commis-

sion, the families of our volunteer firefighters, our community and business partners, and the citizens of DeKalb County, the department could not have achieved this milestone. "Properly trained firefighters are the best tools available to any fire department. Without proper training, the best and most expensive equipment is useless. However, good training coupled with good equipment is priceless," Chief Green declared. "Training performance and documentation are core elements in the Insurance Services Office's (ISO) property protection that determine how much property owner's have to pay in homeowners insurance premiums. The DeKalb County Fire Department's proven commitment to training and emergency response has resulted in a dramatic improvement to DeKalb County's Public Protection Classification Rating of Class 6 for all areas of DeKalb County located within 5 road miles of one of the department's 11 stations."

If you are interested in learning more about the DeKalb County Volunteer Fire Department, or would like information on how to be a member of our team, you can visit the Department's website at: [www.dekalbfire.com](http://www.dekalbfire.com), or call 615-464-7176. You can also visit the Department's FaceBook group page.

## COMMISSION

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Other veteran members bidding farewell this past week included Mason Carter who did not seek reelection. Joe Johnson from the second lost in the primary after serving 11 years while Jimmy Midgett did not seek reelection after his single term.

Johnson was appointed to fill an unexpired term and then was elected to one term. Altogether, Johnson has put in 11 years on the commission.

Bradley Hendrix had eight years of experience and did not seek reelection in the third while Jack Barton, with 11 years of experience, was defeated in the primary.

In the sixth district, Betty Atnip had her last meeting on the commission as she lost reelection.

Of the entire commission, only four will be returning. They include Julie Williams Young, a Democrat will be starting her first full 4 year term on

the commission from the first district. She has been on the commission since 2016 after being elected to fill the remaining two-year unexpired term of her predecessor Elmer Ellis, Jr. who resigned earlier that year. Also returning is fifth district members Anita Puckett and Jerry Adcock. Adcock will be starting his third term and Puckett her second.

Now the most senior of the commission is sixth district member Jeff Barnes has been on the commission for 16 years and will be starting his fifth term.

All outgoing members of the commission were presented plaques of appreciation by County Mayor Tim Stribling during their final meeting.

"I want to sincerely thank you for your serving to the county," Stribling said. "We may not have agreed on everything but at the end of the day we got along and did what was best for the county."



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**County Mayor Tim Stribling extends a hearty handshake as he presents a plaque to outgoing County Commissioner Larry Summers during the last meeting for the 10 commissioners who either lost in election or decided not to seek reelection. Summers has served 38 years on the commission. Over 120 years of experience was lost with the departure of 10 of the county's 14 commissioners.**



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