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GLENDALE FIRE DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES 2006 *FIREFIGHTER OF THE YEAR*

GLENDALE, Ariz. –The Glendale Fire Department has named Captain/Paramedic Steve Schell as its *Firefighter of the Year* for 2006. The announcement came Friday, March 9th, during the Glendale Fire Department's 20th Annual Awards Banquet.

Captain Schell, a twenty-year veteran, was nominated for simply "Leading by Example." He is considered an exceptional mentor and a sincere and impartial individual by his colleagues.

Six other members of the Glendale Fire Department were also nominated for this prestigious award. Other members honored are listed below.

- Service Award: Engineer Don Jessee
- Chief Don Heatwole Award: Deputy Chief Jim Gibson
- Community Service Award: Penny Allen
- Professional Service Award – EMS: Captain Richard Franklin
- Fire Pal of the Year Award: Johnny Morales
- Crisis Response Volunteer of the Year Award: John Edmondson
- Glendale Volunteer Fire Cadet of the Year Award: Wendy Auerbach and James Robinson
- Call Of The Year Award: Medic 158- Captain Jeff Thomas and Firefighter John Slamka, Engine 157- Captain Steve Cannon, Engineer Jeff Dick, Firefighter Louis Barbone and Firefighter Dennis Dorrance and South West Ambulance Crew- Jennifer Hoffman and Robert Arnott.
- Fire Chiefs Award went to Lorrie Moreno
- Special recognition went to Mike Blair for his work on the Wal mart Arson fires.

*Photo of the Firefighter of the Year Attached

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Fire Dept.
is a nationally
accredited
agency

The Glendale
Fire Dept.
responds to
more than 26,000
calls a year

Glendale
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use supervision
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