

THE ST. ALBANS POLICE DEPARTMENT (COMMENDATION)

On 07-30-14 at 1:11 a.m. Central Dispatch received a 911 call from a handicapped male (double amputee) at 203 South Main Street, Apartment No. 4 reporting his apartment was on fire and he was trapped inside. Fire, Police and EMS Services were immediately dispatched. St. Albans Police Sgt. Francis McCarty, Cpl. Paul Talley and Officer Keith Cote, were first on the scene and immediately heard the male victim yelling for help from within his apartment. Without hesitation or consideration for their own safety the Officers entered Thomas Page's flame engulfed apartment and physically carried him to a safe location outside of the fire scene. Burning debris was falling from the ceiling, the temperature was quickly rising and an oxygen tank exploded in the apartment as the Officers were removing Mr. Page from the fire scene. The victim sustained serious burns to his back and arms that ultimately claimed his life a day later. While Officer Michael Schrader stayed with the victim to await the arrival of Am Care, Sgt. Francis McCarty, Cpl. Paul Talley and Officer Keith Cote rushed back to the burning building and evacuated eleven (11) other apartment occupants in the other four (4) attached apartments. Together, the aforementioned Officers joined by Officer Roger Langevin and Am Care loaded the victim on a backboard/gurney and placed him in the rear of an awaiting ambulance. Cpl. Paul Talley drove the ambulance to NMC while Am Care personnel performed CPR and advanced life saving efforts during transport to the Emergency Room.

RECOGNIZES AND COMMENDS

EMT Chuck Kuthe

AND PRESENTS HIM WITH THIS CERTIFICATE OF COMMENDATION ON AUGUST 12, 2014.

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