



GREEN RIVER KIWANIS

Green River Kiwanis meets Wednesday mornings at 7:30 a.m. at Milestones
Child Development Center, 621 S. Cullen Ave., Evansville, IN
Greenriverkiwanis.org

March 10, 2010

(Thanks to **Fran Black** for the notes for to-day's meeting.)

Today saw the presentation of the 29th annual Fire-fighter of the Year award. Master of Ceremonies **John Lefler** asked all firefighters to introduce themselves and their guests. After a video highlighting Evansville firefighters in action, Mayor Jonathan Weinzapfel welcomed all firefighters and explained candidates were nominated by their peers for their deeds, including community involvement as well as fire department activities. This year's nominees were:



Ben Pfeffer – 7½ yrs – Hazmat team, 2003 merit citation, bronze merit award, life-saving award, active with children's activities in community

Chris Reiter – 6 yrs – silver merit 2007, bronze 2008, Board of Directors for Gifts of Hope; Guns and Hoses participant (organization of police and firefighters that raises money for community projects)

Dan Brown—rank of Lt. – 10yrs – EMT—instructor—Dive team—silver merit 2007 –bronze 2009—adult literacy--Guns and Hoses

Chad Buttry – 8 yrs – EMIT—leadership – Fife and Drum Corp member

Mike Doran – 10 ½ yrs – EMT, Hazmat, Instructor, Board of Guns and Hoses—safety officer

Greg Lehman – 17 ½ yrs -- ladder team – rank of captain – EMT, Hazmat, Fife & Drum Corp organizer—Honor Guard—Gold merit 1995.

Zach Hopkins presented the winner with a \$200 savings bond from 5th 3rd Bank. A \$100 gift check from the Firefighter Credit Union was presented by Terry Beckham.



Congratulations to the
2009
Firefighter of the Year

Ben
Pfeffer

GRK Officers /Staff

President	Chuck Young
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Vice President	John Worthington
Treasurer	Tiffany Wynn
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Former 34 year Fire Chief John Buttrum was our speaker. He was appointed to Homeland Security by George Bush, and is also an author and co-author. He made these observations about Evansville firefighters: they are people who go into burning buildings—in spite of the fire, smoke, and the blackened unknown. They are symbols of goodness – they are brave, bold, preserve life, and risk their lives for others. As firefighters, they are first responders, treat injuries at traffic accidents, teach school fire safety, AND provide free rides on fire engines! Firefighters are a dedicated and loyal band of brothers, sharing honor, duty, respect, sacrifice, concern for others, courage, strength, wisdom, and a love of service.



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