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PARAMEDIC OF THE YEAR CHOSEN

SUFFOLK, Virginia (November 7, 2008) Suffolk Fire & Rescue announced the selection of Firefighter/Medic II Robert Barrett as Paramedic of the Year. A member of the department since 2001, Barrett is a licensed EMT, CPR and ITLS Advanced Instructor.

When asked about Barrett's selection, Fire Chief Mark Outlaw stated, "Robert is a great selection for Paramedic of the Year. In addition to his excellent medical skills, he is a talented EMS Instructor that is always ready to teach new firefighters how to be quality service providers. His positive attitude and enthusiasm is addictive to those working with him. Starting out as a Volunteer Firefighter, Robert has blossomed into a well rounded Firefighter/Medic and has a successful career ahead of him."

Battalion Chief Charles Jolly joked and said an added plus is that Barrett is also one of the cooks for Station 5, "A" Shift.

Barrett is married to Sunshine, an Emergency Room Nurse at Sentara Obici Hospital, and their family lives in Courtland.

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Photo (l-r) wife Sunshine Barrett, Barrett, parents Bill and Carol Barrett