



ROBERT J. O'TOOLE
EMT/FIREFIGHTER
OF THE YEAR AWARD



Firefighter Joseph (Joe) Andrews

Firefighter Joseph (Joe) Andrews has been a part-time member of the Washington Township Fire Department since 2017. Joe is also a full-time student studying Early Childhood Education and works hard to not let his intense course load get in the way of his work.

While at the firehouse, Joe is known for his compassion, positive attitude and integrity that he brings with him every shift. He steps up and volunteers for any and all assignments without hesitation and takes on work tasks without any prompting by his supervisor or more senior members of the Department. During emergency calls and non-emergency events, Joe genuinely shows concern, compassion and empathy for the residents and visitors of our community. He engages our community members and employees with thought provoking discussion and has excellent listening skills. The thing about Joe is that he doesn't want any recognition for his accomplishments, his belief is that he is here to serve our community and do what is right. Firefighter Andrews embodies what it truly means to be a public servant.



Bob O'Toole was a part-time firefighter with both Centerville/Washington Township and Clearcreek Township when he lost his life on the morning of January 12, 1998. About 6:00 a.m. Bob and his squad had responded to an

accident on I-675 near Wilmington Pike. After the crash victim had been placed in the rescue vehicle, Bob and his partner Chuck Arnold, along with Centerville police officer John Kalamann, returned to the damaged vehicle. Another car traveling west lost control on the "black ice," crossed the median and struck the three men. Officer Kalamann died instantly, and Bob died shortly thereafter in a hospital emergency room. Firefighter Arnold survived the crash, but with considerable injury.



Bob O'Toole was a 1990 graduate of Centerville High School, having spent his entire K-12 years in Centerville, and was attending Sinclair Community College to become a Paramedic at the time of his death. He left a



wife, his parents, two sisters and two brothers, as well as nieces and nephews.

The Noon Optimist Club of Centerville established the Robert J. O'Toole Award in Bob's memory and to honor those in our community who unselfishly give of themselves in service to others.

EMT/FIREFIGHTER AWARD RECIPIENTS



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| 1998 | <i>Charles D. Arnold</i> |
| 1999 | <i>Denise M. Smith</i> |
| 2000 | <i>Tom Gunlock</i> |
| 2001 | <i>Dr. Randy Marriott</i> |
| 2002 | <i>Ken Luzius</i> |
| 2003 | <i>Loretta Gaul</i> |
| 2004 | <i>Christopher DeWitt</i> |
| 2005 | <i>Curt Cobler</i> |
| 2006 | <i>G. Thomas Achor</i> |
| 2007 | <i>Jeff Joseph</i> |
| 2008 | <i>Justin Keller</i> |
| 2009 | <i>David Lantz</i> |
| 2010 | <i>Scott Haas</i> |
| 2011 | <i>Scott Henry</i> |
| 2012 | <i>Dick Ewing</i> |
| 2013 | <i>Greg Ortel</i> |
| 2014 | <i>Ethan Heigel</i> |
| 2015 | Presentation moved from
October to February |
| 2016 | <i>Tad Parks</i> |
| 2017 | <i>Brandon Strunk</i> |
| 2018 | <i>Paul Conover</i> |
| 2019 | <i>Joseph Andrews</i> |

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Bob served at station 45 on McEwen Road where a laser engraved plaque signed by his fellow firefighters commemorates his life and sacrifices in the line of duty.



Terry Blair was a dedicated public servant and a committed member of the Centerville Noon Optimist Club. He was an integral part of the creation of our EMT/Firefighter Award in 1998, believing that those who risk their lives in the service of others should receive the community's thanks and appreciation. It is in this spirit we recognize and thank Terry for his service to his club, his community, and his state.



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To think only of the best, to work only for the best, and expect only the best.

To be just as enthusiastic about the success of others as you are about your own.

To forget the mistakes of the past and press on to the greater achievements of the future.

To wear a cheerful countenance at all times and give every living creature you meet a smile.

To give so much time to the improvement of yourself that you have no time to criticize others.

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