

Emergency Responder Appreciation Day Emergency Responder of the Year

Every year the Southwest Louisiana Mutual Aid committee asks for nominations from our membership of an outstanding employee for recognition as Emergency Responder of the Year. We received several nominees to pick from, and one responder to honor. We thought about how difficult it is to choose just one, the other nominees may or may not know they were ever nominated. This year the nominee forms all read with very similar descriptive words even when telling about one specific emergent call: they spoke of devotion to the career, devotion to their community, professionalism, commitment, dedication to serving, trust of other members of the department, selfless attitude, attention to detail, positive attitude, strong leadership presence, compassionate, team-oriented, intuitive, driven, always going above and beyond, training to excellence, saving lives using this training selflessly to the best of their abilities. All these reminded us why we are here today “To honor our peers” first responders see the best, but also the worst that people are capable of and still respond with compassion, empathy, and honor. They treat us when we’re injured, find us when we’re lost, and protect us in the midst of danger... So, this year we are doing things a little differently because every one of them deserves recognition, and one will be named 2022 responder of the year.

Ashley Hebert	Paramedic	Acadian Ambulance
Chantressa Robinson	EMT	Acadian Ambulance
Michael Cyr	Lieutenant	Westlake Fire Department
Jonah Lirette	Paramedic	Acadian Ambulance
Ryan Fults	Paramedic	Acadian Ambulance
Christopher Pressley	Engineer	Sulphur Fire Department
Teri Parker	District Captain	Ward 6 Fire Department District 1
Joel Thompson	Safety Specialist	SASOL
Mark Granger	Chief	Hackberry Volunteer Fire Department
Amanda Breland	Corporal	Calcasieu Parish Sheriff's Office
Todd Parker	Chief	Ward 6 Fire Department District 1

Our 2022 responder of the year is a 27-year veteran of the Ward 6 Fire Dept. District 1. Captain Teri Parker. During her career, she has been very instrumental in coordinating and responding to various emergencies within SWLA. She has responded with multiple agencies within the southwest Louisiana mutual aid organization. Dedicated to service, most recently she worked on a multi-day search with another neighboring department for a missing dementia patient. She was an essential part of the team that located the victim. Captain Parker led the recovery operations for the district during hurricanes Laura and Delta. She is also our coordinator with GOHSEP and FEMA. congratulations Capt. Parker.



Capt. Terry Parker