

## The 2008 James E. Shortt Award Alexandria Fire Department

### **Lieutenant Jason Wehmeyer**

**L**ieutenant Jason Wehmeyer is a certified Fire Instructor and has been active in training and advance the department's training capability by ensuring high quality programs and presenting programs that are current with the issues in the Fire Service.

He is a highly valued member of the Fire Department, whose talents substantially contribute to the quality and effectiveness of the department. In one of his most valued roles, he serves as a recruit class instructor / coordinator, supervising and training new recruits from their first days as new firefighters through the grueling eighteen week academy to their eventual graduation as certified Firefighters.

Additionally, Lt. Weymayer is an active participant in the Training Committee, providing oversight, content development, and delivery of the current training needs of the department and current trends in the fire service. He was recently appointed to the represent the Alexandria Fire Department on the Northern Virginia Fire Department Group. In that capacity, he helps develop regional Standard Operating Procedures and serves as a State Technical Recue Instructor.

### **Firefighter Anthony Kelly**

**F**irefighter Anthony Kelly's numerous activities serving the community, both on and off the job, reflect one of the basic principles of the Jaycees' creed: Service to humanity is the best work of life.

He is one of the lead organizers of the annual Fire Department Christmas toy party, raising money for toys for about 160 kids from the local community. In 2007, because of his energy and enthusiasm, he was able to motivate the involvement of newer department employees, resulting in one of the largest turn outs in department history.

In addition, Firefighter Kelly has helped to organize a fitness class for firefighters in conjunction with the YMCA of Alexandria, where he is one of the instructors. He was also instrumental in helping with a couple of at-risk children whom the Fire Department has had in the station as a part of a court diversion program. Acting as a mentor to these children, he has had had a significant, positive influence on them.