



Captain Ronnie J. Casey

Firefighter of the Year, 2008



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Cary Fire Department, A-Shift, Ladder 3. Station 3.

Positions held in Fire Suppression: Firefighter, Firefighter Driver, Engineer, Captain

Employed by Town of Cary for 24 years

Born in Goldsboro, NC on February 7, 1962, son of the late William G. and Magdalene J. Casey.

Raised on a farm in Seven Springs, NC in southern Wayne county.

1980 graduate of Southern Wayne High School in Dudley, NC.

Attended Wayne Community College, Wake Technical College and Durham Technical College studying Mechanical Engineering and Fire Science.

Married to Janice E. Casey from Florence, SC and resides in Johnson County. Two stepchildren: Tonya McLamb of Raleigh and Paul Sandy of Jacksonville, both in NC.

Cary Fire Department projects:

- ♦ Radio Communications (managing 2-way radio equipment repair, budget requisitions and coordination of communications needs in CFD)
- ♦ Manage Multi-Hazard Plans for town buildings.

Hobbies and community work include amateur (ham) radio, electronics. Ronnie holds an Advanced Class FCC license and his call sign is K4JDR. He is co-founder of the Carolina 440 Repeater Group in Raleigh/Cary, building repeater networks that cover North Carolina. These networks are used for emergency communications, i.e., Amateur Emergency Radio Services under NC Emergency Management, and the National Weather Service. They are also used for local parades and bike run benefits such as the American Diabetes Association, Tour de Cure and Multiple Sclerosis Run. Ronnie is also a member of the Johnston Amateur Radio Society, and he received the 2008 "Ham of the Year Award". His two websites are

<http://www.carolina440.net/>

<http://www.carolina440.net/weatherstation.html>

A message from Battalion Chief Tony Jordan to the American Legion Award Committee

Capt Casey is a 24-year veteran of our organization who is instrumental to our continued success. He is not an individual who seeks to be in the front of everyone's mind; however, his tireless efforts day in and day out are for the betterment of our department. Capt Casey serves the department and the town in the area of communications to a level that is considered by most to be expert. He has saved the Town of Cary thousands of dollars by repairing broken equipment himself, troubleshooting equipment for Technology Services, installing communication equipment, recommending the best equipment to purchase and utilize, and the list goes on and on. I don't know of a single individual who has done as much behind the scene work for the organization as Capt Casey. He is known as the department communication

contact from the most senior member of the department to the newest recruit. An old joke around the department: whenever someone drops a radio, Capt Casey feels it.

Capt Casey's impact and expertise is not just for the benefit of the fire department. He is sought after by members of Technology Services Department, Police Department, Public Works Department, USAR Team, and several outside agencies for assistance with their communications needs. As I stated earlier, he doesn't seek a big reputation, but his dedication to the department is beyond reproach, and when it comes to our daily job, the things we do that are essential, he's there to get it done.

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Cary American Legion Post 67 First Responder Awards

Presented by Post Commander Bill Cozzolino on Tuesday, 10 February, 2009



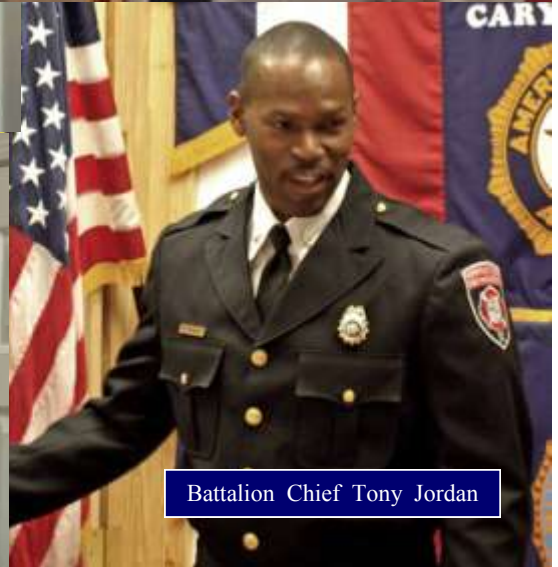
Fire Chief Raymond Cain



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Battalion Chief Tony Jordan



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