



Robert Rankin Chapter #62 Public Service Awards

*Cy-Fair Houston Chamber of Commerce
First Responder Honoree of the Month*

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Jersey Village Fire Department



The Commendation for Captain Christopher Dedear, read by Chief Mark Bitz, is contained here in part:

“Today, it gives me great pleasure to honor Captain Christopher Dedear. Since his inception into our esteemed department in 2007, Captain Dedear has epitomized dedication, leadership, and unwavering commitment to service. Time and again, he has been the recipient of numerous departmental recognitions, a testament to his outstanding contributions and the respect he commands within our ranks.”

“Embarking on his journey as a part-time firefighter, Captain Dedear swiftly ascended through the ranks, showcasing exceptional skills and a profound sense of duty. In 2011, he played a pivotal role in the establishment of full-time on-shift personnel, demonstrating his foresight and proactive approach to enhancing our operational capabilities. As one of the pioneering Captain Paramedics, he tirelessly worked alongside our volunteer force, ensuring seamless coordination and response to every call within our city.

Under Captain Dedear's stewardship, our department has undergone remarkable growth, with a significant increase in staffing to six full-time personnel per shift. His exemplary leadership has been instrumental in galvanizing this dedicated team towards the pursuit of excellence in every aspect of our service.”



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Top: Robert Rankin Compatriot Tom Jackson (R) presents Honoree Captain Christopher Dedear with the SAR Fire Safety Medal and Certificate

Below: Asst. Chief Jacob Daily, Jersey Village City Manager Austin Bless, Fire Chief Mark Bitz, Honoree Captain Christopher Dedear and his wife, Robert Rankin Compatriots Allan Perkins and Tom Jackson. All three Jersey Village Fire Dept. attendees received Covid Heroic Service Certificates of Appreciation.

