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***Captain Whit McMullen named Ouachita Parish's 2025 Firefighter of the Year***

Ouachita Parish, LA — The Ouachita Parish Fire Department proudly announces that Captain Whit McMullen has been named the department's 2025 Firefighter of the Year, recognizing his 18 years of dedicated service and outstanding commitment to the citizens of Ouachita Parish.

Captain McMullen has built a distinguished career marked by leadership, professionalism, and an unwavering dedication to excellence. Highly respected by his peers, he consistently goes above and beyond the call of duty, setting a standard of service that exemplifies the mission and values of the Ouachita Parish Fire Department.

Throughout his career, Captain McMullen has demonstrated a strong commitment to professional development. He actively mentors and trains new firefighters, investing time and expertise into developing the next generation of fire service professionals. As a key member of the department's burn team, he conducts and leads live fire training, ensuring firefighters are prepared for real-world emergencies.

In addition, Captain McMullen is a founding member of the department's State Urban Search and Rescue Team, where he plays a critical role in technical rescue operations and incident management. His contributions have significantly enhanced the department's operational readiness and response capabilities. Beyond his professional achievements, Captain McMullen is known for his strong character, selflessness, and dedication to serving others.

Captain McMullen is happily married to his wife, Ginny McMullen, and is the proud father of a daughter and son.

The Ouachita Parish Fire Department is honored to recognize Captain Whit McMullen for his exceptional service and proudly celebrates him as Firefighter of the Year for 2025.

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***About the Ouachita Parish Fire Department:*** The Ouachita Parish Fire Department (OPFD) proudly serves our community under the direction of the Ouachita Parish Police Jury. The department services more than 100,000 citizens across a 600+ square mile area. With over 15,000 emergency responses annually, the department is committed to protecting lives, property, and the environment through fire suppression, rescue, EMS, prevention, hazardous material mitigation, and education. The department's dedicated personnel uphold the highest standards of service and remain deeply committed to the citizens of Ouachita Parish.