



## Haralson County Fire Department

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Fire Chief Brian L. Walker

Deputy Chief John Entekin

To: VFW Post 7402

From: Haralson County Fire Department

Subject: Nomination – Firefighter Award

It is my honor to nominate Haralson County Firefighter Capt. James K. Henderson for the Firefighter Award. Capt. Henderson represents the finest example a professional and dedicated individual I have had the privilege of working with.

### Nominee Information:

James K. Henderson, Captain

2960 Monroe Mill Rd.

Buchanan, GA 30113

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Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Brian L. Walker".

Brian L. Walker, Chief HCFD

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James K. Henderson was born in Haralson County in 1981 and has remained a lifelong resident. When he graduated Haralson County High School he began as a Volunteer with the Haralson County Fire Dept and found his calling. He actively pursued his Certification as a Georgia State firefighter and was soon employed by the Haralson County Fire Dept. He has now served for 17 years and is still serving the residents of Haralson County. Thru his dedication and self initiative he has continued to increase his training and knowledge in all aspects of fire service. Firefighter Henderson was selected to lieutenant and has now been promoted to the rank of Captain.

James K. Henderson is very involved in many community projects and one example: annually participates in the Trout Rodeo (fishing event for 1500 Children) in conjunction with the Haralson county Wildlife Association.

Capt. Henderson is an active member of the EAA (Experimental Aircraft Association) 976, at the Carroll County Regional Airport.

Capt. Henderson is married to the former Lindsey Moore. He has 2 sons, Taylor and Grayson. The Henderson family attends the Tallapoosa East Baptist Church.

Capt. Henderson began his career with the Haralson County Fire Department (HCFD) in 2001. Having risen from basic firefighter to the rank of Captain, he is now responsible for operation readiness, safety and overall condition of 11 fire stations, 11 front line and 3 reserve pump apparatus, a 75ft. aerial truck, a heavy rescue vehicle and 14 personnel.

Capt. Henderson is continually striving to enhance his education, having completed all the basic requirements for promotion he is constantly furthering his personal and professional growth, To improve his role as an Officer, he has completed all three fire leadership and three company tactical operations courses. He also has Advanced National Incident Management Systems Course.

In an effort to not only improve his own skills but also those of his personnel, Capt. Henderson completed the Fire Instructor Course enabling him to provide clear, concise and up to date basic to advanced firefighter knowledge.

Capt. Henderson has additionally acquired the position of National Professional Qualifications (NPQ) Evaluator.

With ever increasing threat of forest fires and in an effort to better serve and protect the citizens of Haralson County, he has also completed the strenuous wildland firefighter's course.

Capt. Henderson's outstanding accomplishments, exceptional service and untiring dedication resulted in his peers naming him career firefighter of the year in 2013. It was these impeccable qualities that led the HCFD Fire Chief to nominate Capt. Henderson to the Georgia Search and Rescue (GSAR) team. As a member of GSAR, Capt. Henderson has been certified in, High Angle Rope, Confined Space, Structural Collapse, Trench and Swift Water Rescue,

Responding to multiple natural disasters Capt. Henderson has supported rescue efforts related to tornadoes in Albany and Ringgold, GA., victims of hurricane Sandy in Maryland, a blizzard in West Virginia, several missing persons in the north Georgia mountains and more recently those affected by Hurricane Michael in South Georgia.

Unfortunley some rescues evolve into recovery missions. Capt. Henderson accomplishes these most arduous tasks with the upmost professionalism, respect and compassion. He displayed this during a recent drowning in a local lake. Also on one occasion Capt. Henderson assisted the GBI and local Law Enforcement agencies in recovering a victim from a 3 ft diameter 80 ft well. His superior skills and courage resulted in some closure for the family along with aiding in the arrest and conviction of those responsible. For his actions going above and beyond the call of duty, he was awarded a Metal of Bravery by the Sate of Georgia.

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**JAMES HENDERSON**  
**CAPTAIN**  
**GFSTC # 723JFB**