

The Topeka Fire Department honored firefighters on March 5, 2009 at Big Gage Shelter House in Gage Park.

Recognition Awards were presented to Fire personnel in honor of superior performance, professionalism and self-sacrifice made while performing life saving activities, rescues or exceeding normal departmental standards of duty during the time period from February 1, 2008 to January 31, 2009. Awards this year are:

- **Medal of Meritorious Service** - awarded for actions that put firefighters at risk of personal injury in the line of duty or job performance that exceeds normal departmental standards. Presented to:

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| Lieutenant Duane Edington | River rescue |
| Apparatus Operator Dennis Weikel | 5/1/2008 |
| Firefighter Robert Sapp | |

- **Certificate of Appreciation and Merit** – awarded in recognition of job performance, special acts, contributions or achievements considered to be beyond the call of duty. Presented to:

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| Lieutenant Rachel Hawkinson-Penny | Medical – Westridge Mall |
| Apparatus Operator Michael Gomez | 2/9/2008 |
| Firefighter Robert Waltman | |

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| Captain <b>Gerard Vera</b>                | Medical – 915 SW Harrison |
| Lieutenant <b>Randall Phillips</b>        | 8/30/2008                 |
| Apparatus Operator <b>Steven Woolaway</b> |                           |

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| Captain Chad Baldwin | Fire – 4005 SW 21 st |
| Apparatus Operator Ty Forshee | 9/20/2008 |
| Firefighter Donald Sterbenz | |

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| Captain <b>Melvin Bouton</b>          | Medical – 4843 SW 18 <sup>th</sup> Terr |
| Lieutenant <b>Thomas Rodman</b>       | 11/18/2008                              |
| Apparatus Operator <b>Kevin Flory</b> |                                         |

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| Captain Rex Orton | Medical – Docking State Office |
| Lieutenant Blake Redd | 12/1/2008 |
| Apparatus Operator Allen Singleton | |

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| Lieutenant <b>Blake Redd</b>      | Fire - 615 SW 9 <sup>th</sup> |
| Firefighter <b>Bradley Hanika</b> | 12/21/2008                    |

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| Captain Michael Troth | Ice Rescue – Central Park |
| Captain Ty Christian | 12/28/2008 |
| Firefighter Darrin Plank | |
| Firefighter Charles Ridder | |
| Lieutenant Chuck Gatewood | |
| Apparatus Operator Michael Harbour | |
| Firefighter Robert Scott | |

Congratulations are extended to each of these award recipients!