



In the Spotlight

Highlighting Exceptional Employees

Terrence Fearington

Patrol Officer III

Terrence Fearington says his job as a patrol officer requires him to respond to all kinds of calls – breaking and entering, fights, traffic accidents, missing people. But in the early morning hours of May 28, his job required that he act out of the ordinary – in fact, heroically.

Fearington says he simply did what had to be done when he arrived at a burning apartment building before the firefighters had arrived. He dashed inside the burning structure, found the resident, and carried her outside to safety. Both Fearington and the resident were treated for smoke inhalation, but thanks to his quick response, neither suffered severe injury.

It all comes in the line of duty when you're on patrol during the night shift, from 4 p.m. to 4 a.m. Fearington covers Area 4, which stretches from Umstead and Hillsborough Roads to I-40.

Fearington says the police department is close-knit and everyone works well together. They are diverse in ages and experience, so everyone has something different to offer. They have a small crew, but get things done.

He wants people to know that the police are there to help. They are

human, just like everyone else, and are sensitive to people's needs. They do not have quotas. Don't be afraid to go up and talk to a police officer, unless they are engaged in a dangerous activity like a traffic stop. He especially enjoys talking to children.

Fearington is on the ALERT Team (Alcohol Law Enforcement Response Team), a multijurisdiction plainclothes operation that investigates underage alcohol consumption.

Fearington lives in Graham, and when he's not working, he likes to spend time with friends and family. He goes to country music concerts, hockey games and Durham Bulls games. He also likes to travel and is planning a trip to St. Kitts in December.

He is a runner with the Fleet Feet running group in Carrboro, and is training for a half-marathon in Myrtle Beach in October.

Value in the Spotlight Communication



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In addition to being on the CHPD, he is on a rescue squad in Alamance County and is a part-time 911 telecommunicator in Alamance County.

"Many hands, many miles, but one goal."

Senior Management Team Values

The Senior Management Team and the Employee Forum adopted values for Town of Chapel Hill employees on April 28, 2011.



Our values are the basis for our choices. They are reflected in our behavior and decisions every day. They are our compass as we accomplish our mission and objectives.