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SILOAM SPRINGS POLICE OFFICERS RECEIVE AWARDS AT SPECIAL CEREMONY

SILOAM SPRINGS, AR – August 29, 2011—Sergeant James Bradley, Officer Anthony Spenn, and Officer Jeffrey Bland were each presented a Bronze Star of Courage award this afternoon for decisive, professional action taken during a structure fire earlier this year. The three officers responded to a fire at 700 E. Jefferson Street, a residential one-story duplex building on January 17th of this year. A malfunction in the furnace in the west unit of the duplex was determined as the cause of the fire.

At approximately 6:30 a.m., when the officers arrived at the scene, they were informed that the structure was still occupied. Law Enforcement forced entry into the burning structure where they found three individuals asleep and unaware of the danger. The officers promptly escorted the occupants from the burning structure to safety.

With complete disregard for their own safety, Sergeant Bradley, Officer Spenn and Officer Bland placed the life of these three residents above their own. These actions exemplify the highest standards of professional service, personal courage and positively reflect the Siloam Springs Police Department and the City of Siloam Springs.

In addition, Sergeant Bradley also received an award for the 2010 Officer of the Year. The Officer of the Year award is presented to officers who distinguish themselves, not only through contribution and performance, but also by professional conduct which is in keeping with the Vision, Mission and Values of the Siloam Springs Police Department.

Dispatcher Wesley Williams also received a Certificate of Commendation for his volunteer and community service efforts during the 2011 Dogwood festival.

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