

We are proud to announce that the Pearl Fire Department Firefighter of the Month is Battalion Chief Donnie Boykin. Donnie began his career with the Pearl Fire Department 26 years ago in August 1993 as a firefighter and has accumulated over 1000 hours at the State Fire Academy. He obtained his EMT Certification at Hinds Community College and has worked his way through the ranks over the years to become the epitome of what it means to be a Pearl Firefighter. In September of 1999 he was promoted to the rank of Lieutenant and was promoted to Captain in January of 2005. On July 16, 2014 Donnie was promoted to Battalion Chief of C Shift where he has done an exemplary job of keeping his shift motivated and moving in the right direction.

Chief Boykin has the heart of a servant and it shows when he responds to calls to help someone in their time of need. He is highly respected within the department and the city and it is evident by the way people look to him for leadership, knowledge and guidance. Over the years of Chief Boykin's service, he has been an integral part of training the young firefighters to the standard of being a firefighter in the City of Pearl. Donnie has been married to his wife Kelly Breland Boykin for 21 years and they have two children. Breley (18) and Keaton (14).

The Pearl Chamber of Commerce presented Chief Boykin with a framed certificate, a \$100 Walmart gift card, a \$25 Applebee's Gift Card; a Cracker Barrel Gift Basket and gift card for a meal for two people and a \$25 Steak N Shake Gift Card. Bass Pro Shops donated a \$25 Gift Card; The Pearl Municipal Federal Credit Union donated a \$25 Visa Gift Card; Great American Cookie donated a chocolate chip cookie cake; Eclipse Nutrition donated a certificate good for 5 free shakes and Revell Hardware donated a stainless steel tumbler.