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Fairfield's Fire Chief Receives Department of Defense Award

Fairfield, OH – Fairfield's long-time Fire Chief Don Bennett was surprised today with a Patriot Award given by a program of the Department of Defense to employers who are supportive of employees in the National Guard and Military Reserve.

Chief Bennett was nominated for the recognition by part-time Fairfield Firefighter/Emergency Medical Technician Kaitlyn Uhrig. Kaitlyn deployed to Kosovo for one year in October with the Ohio Army National Guard.

The Patriot Award honors individual supervisors for their exemplary support of the nominating service member and his or her family. The award is presented through Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve (ESGR), a program that is overseen by the U.S. Department of Defense.

ESGR representative Dave Schultz presented the award to Chief Bennett at Department Headquarters on Nilles Road. All City fire personnel on duty today were in attendance including Kaitlyn by video phone call from Kosovo.

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*Chief Don Bennett (left) with
Dave Schultz from ESGR*

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