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RE: Pettis, Wallace named Amherst Fire Fighters Association's firefighters of the year

AMHERST, Nova Scotia – Lt. Andrew Wallis and Firefighter Darin Pettis have been named the Amherst Fire Fighters Association's firefighters of the year.

The two were selected by their peers for the award, which were handed out during ceremony held at the firehall on Thursday, Nov. 5, 2020.

The ceremony replaced the annual banquet, which had to be cancelled due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.

"Andrew and Darin are dedicated firefighters who train hard and can be counted upon whenever we respond to a call," Fire Chief Greg Jones said.

"They can also be counted on to lend a hand whenever the Amherst Firefighters Association has an event."

Speaking to the firefighters, who were all seated six-feet apart in order to meet provincial health protocols, Jones noted how the pandemic affected training and association activities.

"The challenges were many and you successfully met them all due to your dedication and professionalism," the chief said. "I am proud to lead such a fine group of firefighters."

During the ceremony, Capt. Vern Megeney and Firefighter Robert Sears received recognition for having the best attendance during the past year.

In addition, several firefighters were presented with service awards:

Those recognized for five years' service were Tony Huddleston and Shawn Lepage; 10 years were Jack Fullerton and Matt Selig and 15 years' service were Dwight Wheaton and Adam White.



FIREFIGHTER CHUCK DELORME, PRESIDENT OF THE AMHERST FIRE FIGHTERS ASSOCIATION, CONGRATULATES FIREFIGHTER DARIN PETTIS AND LT. ANDREW WALLIS AFTER THEY WERE NAMED THE ASSOCIATION'S FIREFIGHTERS OF THE YEAR. (TOM McCOAG / TOWN OF AMHERST)





Recognized for 20 years' service were Mark Goodwin, Chris Hicks, Greg Jones and Andrew Wallis.

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