



The American Legion
Raleigh Post 1
2009 Fireman of the Year
Captain Kevin.L. Coppage
News Release



Captain Kevin L. Coppage wins the American Legion, Raleigh Post 1 Fireman of the Year Award.

Captain Coppage is one of the county's most professional firefighters. He constantly strives to better himself and others around him. When he detects a weakness in a firefighters skill level, he addresses it immediately because he understands the complexity of the work and the inherent dangers involved. What's most important about this trait is that even if the firefighter is not assigned to his company he will assist in bringing the skill level to where it should be. This demonstrates the care, love, and compassion he has for the job and his fellow firefighters.

Captain Coppage is always the first to step up and take on additional responsibilities in the form of training our young recruits as well as working very hard with veteran firefighters to keep their skills sharp. His "lead by example" leadership style has earned him the respect and admiration of his crew and he quickly became a go to guy in the Battalion. When on the emergency scene he never exits until his crew is together and every member is accounted for. Kevin serves the community as a member of Mt. Zion Baptist Church and is part of the New Members Ministry. Kevin is also a loving husband and father and is extremely deserving of this nomination. Therefore, the American Legion is proud to present Captain Kevin Coppage with this award.