

Here are the 2007 Clarence Maddy Award winners.

On September 7<sup>th</sup> 2007, **Captain Phil Rogers and Firefighter Brian Black** responded to a structure fire at 101 North 30<sup>th</sup> Ave W. Upon arrival they were informed there was a small boy trapped on the second floor of the building. They entered the building through a fire escape without a fire hose or backup. They began their search using a thermal imaging camera. They found the boy covered with soot and suffering from smoke inhalation. They carried him out of the house and he was transported to the hospital by ambulance.

**Carol Beaupre, Laura Fournier, Susan Schumacher and Janet Worthing** of the Library are honored for their work with the "Book Time with Your Baby" program. Baby and Toddler Time attendance has become so large that the event was moved to a larger meeting space and additional Baby and Toddler Times will be added as soon as possible. Their dedication is greatly appreciated.

**Jean Mattson** is known as the go-to person when an employee has a problem or needs information in the Fire Department. She works hard to make sure that the fire department is running smoothly. Her attention to detail helps employees and customers get the right answers the first time. In addition, she oversees fire department purchasing insuring citizens are getting the most for their tax dollars.

**Barry Midthun** is the Community Police Officer in the Central Hillside neighborhood where he has served since 1998. He works with neighbors and groups to solve problems there and is one of the very best officers we have. He spearheaded an effort to create block clubs and neighborhood watches last year. He is revered by landlords and everyone on his beat, who simply call him "Barry". He is also a brand new father - his third child, Lily Marjorie, was born last Saturday.

**Gary Minck** of the Public Works and Utilities Department is one of several employees who responds to citizen inquiries about storm water drainage problems. This is a particularly difficult task he needs to explain complicated city policies, and many times these don't include paying or having the city perform the repair the resident may believe is our duty to perform. He also performed excellent work on the Fond du Lac sewer and

water main project and is working on sewer design and coordination for the Heritage Hockey Center project.

**Kent Anderson, Bruce Kellerhuis, Tim Kolodge, Doug Peterson, Tim Peterson, Mark Tucker and Dave Willemarck** of the Public Works and Utilities Department are honored for exceptional public service. In the past, excavations created by the city utilities while repairing water, gas or sewer breaks have been restored by area contractors. In 2007, this group of heavy equipment operators volunteered to do this work to save money. This crew voluntarily re-arranged their work hours, rest periods and lunch breaks to get these restorations done in the most efficient manner. This team permanently restored half of the year's utility excavations at a 46% savings to the city. The money saved was used to purchase blacktop that this crew then laid on more than five miles of the worst city streets.

**Joe Pyrlík** is honored for his service to the Fire Department. No matter what the project is, he's there to help out. According to his Captain, Joel Heikes, "He's the first person to start working and the last to stop when there is a project to do." This year he has volunteered to take over the job of maintaining the Department's large inventory of streamlights.

**Dennis Sears** is the City's new Purchasing Agent. Dennis has been extremely effective in his position, helping drop turnaround time on purchases dramatically. He is easy to work with and extremely helpful. With a new Police Chief and with a new Police command staff which had relatively little purchasing experience, Dennis took the time to ensure they knew what to expect from him and how he could help. His professionalism and "get the job done" attitude makes him a great employee and a pleasure to work with.

**Glenn Strid** of the Public Works and Utilities Department is a "go-to" employee for virtually everyone in his division. His knowledge, organizational skills and friendly demeanor make him an exceptional employee. He is always ready to help, always has a ready answer to questions and his people skills make him extremely pleasant to work with.

**Kyle Tuominen** of the Public Works and Utilities Department is honored for his simple

commitment to public service. His supervisor describes him as “hard-working, creative, willing, intelligent, multi-talented and a definite asset.” In short, he is a fine example of a public servant.

**Jane Wester** of the Library is also honored for her work with the public. She often assists patrons who are upset for one reason or another and never fails to provide exceptional service and calm, efficient assistance. Her nominator said, “Jane’s computer and organizational skills, her willingness to tackle new projects and her professional demeanor make her an outstanding Library employee.”

Paul Anderson, Wendy Buczynski , Nancy Butler, Dave Homstad, Kenneth Maki, Jennifer Monroe, Dena Petite, Ray Washburn, Scott Wisherd and Wendy Wohlwend are the Zookeepers at the Lake Superior Zoo. They face the challenges of the loss of accreditation, the resignation of the Zoo Director, the death of their beloved Bubba, financial cutbacks and other uncertainties. Through it all, the Keepers have worked hard to maintain and improve the Zoo and enhance the environments for the animals they care for. Their dedication and teamwork has greatly benefited the Zoo and its patrons.