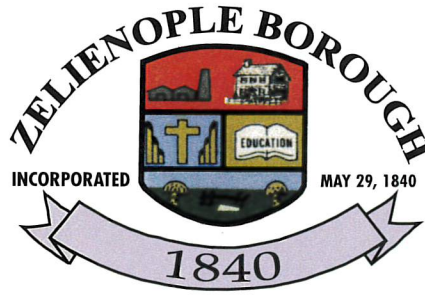


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PRESS RELEASE

Zelienople Borough names Kniess as 2019 Volunteer of the Year



On Monday, October 12, 2020, Zelienople Borough presented the 2019 Volunteer of the Year Award to long time Harmony Volunteer Firefighter Rodney Kniess. Mr. Kniess joined the Harmony Volunteer Fire District in 1975, moved up through the ranks of the three lieutenant positions and to become Assistant Chief. President of the Harmony Fire District Tim Sapienza stated that “Rodney “Rod” was a very good Firefighter and a dedicated individual”. Sapienza recalls two memorable calls, where Rod gave a puppy oxygen and chest compressions to revive it. The other, a man was in full cardiac arrest and Rod manually gave CPR chest compressions all the way to Ellwood City Hospital. At that time there were no automated external defibrillators. The man lived! Mr. Kniess also single handedly replaced their 1973 Brush Truck with a new 1982 Brush Truck. In 1992, the HFDs Treasurer suddenly resigned without notice and Rod agreed to become Harmony Fire District’s Treasurer. For the past 28 years, Rodney has done an impeccable job in this important position. State relief auditors have even commented on how great his bookkeeping skills are. Rod also heads up the fire district fund drive, banking, bill paying, insurance pricing, and anything else that is required of him by the district over the past 45 years. The award recognizes Volunteer Firefighter Rodney Kniess for his dedication and commitment to the Harmony Volunteer Fire District and to the communities of Zelienople Borough, Harmony Borough, Jackson Township, and Lancaster Township which it serves.