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The 2012 Fire Officer of the Year for the Burleson Fire Department has a “lead by example attitude in everything he does.”

That’s how Fire Lt./Paramedic Casey Davis was described in a nomination letter. He is the sixth lieutenant to be honored since the inception of the Fire Officer of the Year award in 2008.

Davis, 32, is a Burleson native. He grew up around the Burleson Fire Department, where his father, Gary Davis, volunteered for many years.

“I was able to see the department evolve from a small volunteer department to a full career fire fighter department,” Davis said. ‘I had a vested interest in this community and I wanted to serve.’”

Davis graduated from the Burleson Independent School District’s Crossroads High School in 2000. He volunteered with the Joshua Fire Department and worked as a career fire fighter for Canyon Lake Fire Department before he was hired by Burleson in January 2004. He is certified as an advanced fire fighter, paramedic, hazardous materials technician, driver operator, swift water rescue technician and fire inspector. In addition to his role with the Burleson Fire Department, Davis is a career EMS Captain for the City of Keene. Davis manages the EMS program for the City of Keene Fire Department.

Davis was applauded for “continuously demonstrating leadership qualities in his work ethic and the professional example he sets for his crew. His ‘lead by example’ attitude shows in everything he does, from expanding his knowledge in the fire service and emergency medical services to helping with all daily activities (including cleaning the station).”

The firefighting field is a brotherhood. According to the nomination, Davis “cares about the guys on his crew, on and off duty. He has stretched the knowledge and capabilities of each member of his crew. He has taken the time to ensure that we understood why things were being done the way they were and that we always had the proper tools to accomplish the task. He never stops learning or teaching his crew.”

The award winner said a fire fighter has to “be able to lead and serve at the same time. You have to be able to handle someone else’s emergency while maintaining your composure and your opinions. You have to have a love to serve people with no expectations. A firefighter must be trustworthy, dedicated and have honor.”

The Fire Officer of the Year is married to Kara Davis and they share two children, 8-year-old Hunter Davis and 14-month-old Kinley Davis.