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The Burleson Fire Department's 2012 Firefighter of the Year was a volunteer firefighter for Burleson for two years before he was hired as a career firefighter in January 2007. Engineer/Paramedic Matt Moseley received the Firefighter of the Year honor Feb. 9 at the department's annual awards banquet.

According to the nomination, the award winner is "organized, efficient, and always works on small details when people aren't around to see it. He represents the integrity part of the (fire department) patch he wears every day. He is able to provide good direction to the crew and is a positive influence on the shift."

As an engineer, Moseley is in charge of getting the firefighters to every scene safely. According to the nomination, "having a driver who supports your direction and then follows that up when you are away is a great asset to his department."

The 31-year-old Crowley native graduated from Crowley High School in 2000 and has two years of college under his belt. He is certified as a paramedic, advanced firefighter, driver operator, fire instructor I and fire instructor II, fire officer I, swift water rescue technician, and rope rescue. In addition to volunteering with Burleson, Moseley was a firefighter/emergency medical technician with the City of Forest Hill (August 2005-January 2007).

According to the nomination, "Matt is a competitor . . . he competes at everything – getting to the 'rig' first, washing the 'rig' the best, and making sure everything is safe for our day. Having this competitive drive makes Matt do everything to the best of his abilities. He is a very dedicated member of the fire department."

Moseley applied as a career firefighter in Burleson because he wanted to "work in the city in which I live and serve the citizens."

Dedication is the key to being a good firefighter. When he was a volunteer firefighter for Burleson, Moseley turned down a chance to buy a home with land to grow because he wouldn't have been able to continue volunteering with Burleson.

Moseley said a firefighter has to be "dedicated, of good character, integrity and honor. A firefighter has to care about the community and be willing to help and protect the citizens safely in any situation."

Moseley and his wife Amanda have two sons, 9-year-old Tristen Moseley and 7-week-old Townes Moseley.