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Life is pretty rosy for Ben Eason. He is a father-to-be and the Burleson Fire Department's 2015 Rookie Firefighter of the Year.

The firefighter/EMT accepted the honor at the department's awards banquet on Feb. 20. His lieutenant, Mike Jones, did the honors.

"Ben started with the department in November of 2014. He was first assigned to a 'swing' shift which allowed him to work at all three stations with various crews. He was able to adapt and he joyfully completed any task asked of him with a big kid smile," the lieutenant said. "He is always trying to better himself by asking his crew for constructive criticism after a difficult run to asking pop quiz questions around the station to better his knowledge."

Burleson is the 25-year-old rookie firefighter's hometown. Eason graduated from Burleson High School in 2009, attended Blinn College and trained at the TEEEX Brayton Fire Training Field in College Station.

"I applied here because I wanted to be able to protect the community that I grew up in," Eason said.

Since he was hired by Burleson, Eason has completed his certification for Rope Tech 1 and Rope Tech II, Emergency Vehicle Rescue Technician, and Driver/Operator.

His peers think that being a firefighter is a perfect fit for Eason.

"Ben has answered God's true calling for his life," Lt. Jones said. "He is one of the most caring and compassionate young men I have ever been around. He demonstrates this every time he puts on his uniform and set out to serve the citizens of Burleson."

Eason said all you need is to "be kind and willing to offer help to anyone in need."

The award winner's next project is to see his wife Jacinda bring his baby girl into the world in June.