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Flagler Firefighter-Paramedic Awarded by Sons of the American Revolution

September 1, 2017 – Members of the Sons of the American Revolution on Friday awarded Flagler County Firefighter-Paramedic Tyler “Ty” Epling with the Emergency Medical Services Award.

Flagler Chapter President Randall Morris and Awards Committee Chairman David Kelsey spoke of the tradition of presenting the award as “descendants of our great nation’s very first public servants.”

The National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution, which was organized on April 30, 1889, the 100th anniversary of the inauguration of George Washington as our nation’s first president.

Flagler County Deputy Fire Chief Joe King nominated Epling for the award.

“He and I have been here about the same amount of time,” King said of Epling’s nearly four years with the county. “He scored the highest of any new employee on our protocol test.”
King also lauded Epling for his swift advancement to field training officer (FTO), and earning the respect of his peers.

Fellow firefighter-paramedics Sean Walker, John Steadman, and Alex Patton, attended the ceremony, Fire Rescue Accountant Marilyn Franco, as well as Battalion Chief Jamey Burnsed, Lt. John Keppler, Training Chief Lenny Ensalaco and Fire Marshal Jerry Smith. Epling’s wife Jessica, his daughter Dani, and his mother Pam also attended.

“His skill level on medical calls is outstanding,” King said. “A physician’s assistant from the Florida Hospital Flagler ER has ridden on calls with him and praised Ty for the level of service and skill working with patients.”

Epling shared credit for the award with all of Flagler County Fire Rescue.

“I work with some really great people,” he said.

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