

MENLO PARK FIREFIGHTERS' ASSOCIATION

POLICY MEMORANDUM #5 PETE CHANTELOUP MEMORIAL FIREFIGHTER OF THE YEAR

I, Engineer Womble, being a member in good standing of IAFF local 2400-district 10, here by nominate Engineer Ehren MacDonald for the ***PETE CHANTELOUP MEMORIAL FIREFIGHTER OF THE YEAR.***

- Since his first day at Menlo Park Fire, Ehren has distinguished himself as the quality of firefighter this district was built on. Engineer MacDonald has always done whatever job was given to him with a smile and completed that assignment to the end. There is no question as to the quality of firefighter Ehren started out as, and still is today. His actions have always spoken louder than his words, not that you could hear what he was mumbling, but if you could it was true and encouraging.
- Engineer MacDonald's involvement with this community has not just been limited to serving the public on an Engine company. He has served them in line at the annual Pancake Breakfast. Come in off duty to work in the Easter egg hunt. As well as walking the streets to inform the public about Measure "G" and "O" in the last few elections. Which have benefitted both the Association and the Fire District.
- His dedication to the Fire District is self evident in the jobs he takes on. He was the lone individual responsible for managing the Menlo Park Fire District's Web Page since 2004. The very same web page that hundreds of potential firefighters have perused in hopes of working here. He has done this on his own time, and own dime until the IT staff took on the task as their own.
- Ehren's contribution to the Association is probably enough alone to award him with the distinguishment of Firefighter of the year. For the last two years Ehren has been an Association board member and the secretary. The job of secretary means attending all of the meeting and doing a lot of note taking. The last few years we have had a lot of meetings. During the most recent contract negotiations I heard several members with more than twenty-five years of service state this was the most trying negotiations Menlo Park Fire has ever seen. There is no doubt in my mind. The contract would not be what it is today without his expert accounts of those meeting. Ehren was there through it all, and I'm sure he will be there in the future negotiations.
- Lastly is Ehren's attitude around the firehouse. All you have to do is work one day with Ehren and I feel it is self explanatory. He never complains, is always there to help, eager to do whatever needs to be done, all with a crooked smile on his face. Engineer MacDonald has always distinguished himself, his Engine company, and the Menlo Park Fire service to the highest standard.