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Fire Chief Butler to Recognize Firefighters Who Rescued Man from a Burning House

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For Immediate Release

Fire Chief Tim Butler will award commendations to eleven members of the Saint Paul Fire Department for their roles in the successful rescue of an unconscious 19 year old man from a fire in his home on April 20, 2008. The ceremony will be held at Fire Station 1, 296 W. 7th St. at 1:30 p.m. on Monday, June 30.

At 3 o'clock on the morning of April 20, 2008, firefighters responded to a raging fire in an occupied duplex dwelling at 716 Aurora Ave. It was a tough fire to fight. Firefighters, while searching for possible victims, found the 19 year old man, unconscious and not breathing. They rescued him from the burning building through a nearby window. Fire department paramedics treated him on the scene, restored his breathing, and transported him to a local hospital. He was released from the hospital a few days later.

The Saint Paul Fire Department values the teamwork, competence, professionalism, and courage that led to this very successful rescue. Firefighters and paramedics saved the man's life. Chief Butler is proud to be able to award these eleven members their commendations.

Rescue Squad 3 UNIT COMMENDATION

- Captain Alan Gabriele
- Fire Equipment Operator Jeff Nottum
- Firefighter Shawn Conway
- Firefighter Gerald Simon

Medic 14 UNIT COMMENDATION

- Captain Brian Kroeger

- Fire Equipment Operator Jeff Johnson
- Firefighter Jonathan Doane
- Firefighter Dan Newton

Individual LETTERS OF COMMENDATION

- District Chief Pat Ryan
- Captain Conrad Ertz
- Fire Equipment Operator Pete Bilek
- Firefighter Shawn Conway