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Manitou Springs Fire Department Awarded Emergency Medical System “Agency of the Year” & MSFD Paramedic Awarded “EMS Instructor of the Year” by the Plains to Peaks Emergency Medical System & Trauma Region

MANITOU SPRINGS CO – The Manitou Springs Fire Department (MSFD) was awarded by the Plains to Peaks EMS & Trauma Region for being the EMS Agency of the Year for 2021. In addition, Paramedic Ashley Wardell, was awarded EMS Instructor of the Year by the same organization.

When asked about the award, John K. Forsett, Chief of Fire for the Manitou Springs Fire Department, said “As always, I am extremely proud of the personnel that make up the Manitou Spring Fire Department.”

As an all-hazards emergency response agency, emergency medical response makes up the greatest portion of the MSFD’s incidents. The departments personnel manage many types of emergency medical and trauma care in environments that span from local downtown area to the popular surrounding forests.

Chief Forsett added: “I am always in awe of their dedication to maintaining very high standards for EMS care for our community. The wonder of this organization is the diversity of its members, both paid and volunteer, who continuously seek out to improve and increase the care and services available to our community as well as others in the region.”

Ashley Wardell, recipient of the EMS Instructor of the Year award stated “I am incredibly honored and humbled to be recognized as the EMS Educator of the Year. This award is truly for the volunteers, students and coworkers that I work with and have worked with in the past. Without the excellent Leadership in the fire department, Chief Forsett, and Captain Perkins, all of the hours that our amazing volunteers give to the students, the amazing medical direction that we receive from Dr. DeWall and Christine Sines, and the patience from my coworkers we would not be able to provide the education services that we do. This award is for all of them. I am honored to call myself a member of the Manitou Springs Fire Department.”

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