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[Forest Hill, TX-December 22,2009] On Tuesday, four Forest Hill Fire-Rescue team members will receive awards few else ever will.

A little less than two months ago, Forest Hill and several surrounding agencies responded to a fire in Kennedale. As the fast moving flames engulfed the front of the house and attic, Firefighters Jay Wisdom and Jason Green began the task of performing a risky “vent-enter-search rescue” for the trapped 79 year old homeowner. They climbed through the rear bedroom window and located the elderly woman who was lying under her bed seeking relief from the suffocating smoke and intense heat.

Once inside the seventy year old home, Wisdom and Green picked up the conscious victim and carried her to the window. Outside the burning home, another Forest Hill firefighter, Darwin Lockett and a Kennedale firefighter assisted in the rescue by pulling McBroom through the window and to waiting paramedics. She was provided emergency treatment and transported to Harris Hospital for treatment of smoke inhalation and other less severe injuries as other fire-rescue teams worked to contain the fire. It was later determined that the October 24th evening fire was accidental and started when an electrical overload melted wires. Thanks to the efforts of all the firefighters, nearby combustibles were spared.

“What our firefighters did to rescue the victim is nothing short of heroic,” said Fire Chief Pat Ekiss. “Their training and years of experience helped them to successfully retrieve the victim and save her life,” he added.

An awards ceremony will be held Tuesday afternoon, **today at 2:00 p.m.** at the Forest Hill Fire Administration building, **6304 Wanda Lane**, honoring the firefighters. McBroom and her family will be attending the special event where Wisdom and Green will receive the Medal of Valor and Lockett will receive a Certificate of Merit.

About Forest Hill

The City of Forest Hill was established in 1946. It is home to more than 13,000 residents and over 300 businesses. It is located in southeast Tarrant County. It has recently been named the 5th fastest growing city in Tarrant County by the *Fort Worth Business Press*.

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