



Pictured from left to right are:

*Forest Hill Fire Chief Pat Ekiss, Firefighter Jason Green, Betty McBroom, Firefighter Darwin Lockett (in the back row), Firefighter Jay Wisdom, Kennedale Fire Chief Mike McMurray (in the back row next to Lockett) and Forest Hill Assistant Fire Chief Randy Chapman*

On December 22<sup>nd</sup>, four Forest Hill Fire-Rescue team members received awards few else ever will.

In October, 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 Betty 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 24<sup>th</sup> evening fire was accidental and started when an electrical overload melted wires. Thanks to the efforts of all the firefighters, nearby combustibles were spared.

Mrs. McBroom and her family attended the special event where Wisdom and Green received the Medal of Valor and Lockett received a Certificate of Merit.

To watch the video from the awards presentation taken by CBS11 television, click here:

<http://cbs11tv.com/video/?cid=7>

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