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**Firefighter/FAO Michael Cooper Recognized by
Paulding County Chamber of Commerce**

Dallas, Georgia – September 7th, 2019– The Paulding County Chamber of Commerce has honored Firefighter Michael Cooper with its annual “Public Safety Appreciation Award”. This distinguished award is presented annually to Paulding County’s Firefighter of the year.

Cooper has employed by Paulding County Fire & Rescue for more than 5 years - graduating as a “rookie” from Paulding’s Fire Training Academy in 2014. Shortly thereafter, on his own time and at his own expense, Cooper earned his EMT-Advanced license. Since then he’s received numerous other certifications including Firefighter II, Hazmat Operations, Trauma Management, Leadership for the Fire Service, Incident Safety Officer, Apparatus Operator, Acting-Officer in Charge, Structural Fire Control and various National Incident Management designations.

Today Cooper serves the citizens of Paulding County as a Fire Apparatus Operator (FAO) and is assigned to Engine & Truck 2 in Hiram.

According to Division Chief Kevin Hart, “Cooper is the type of positive young man that you can’t help liking. He is always there to help anyone – and with anything. As an FAO, arguably the most critical job on any emergency scene, he operates with skill and confidence. Our Incident Commanders place enormous trust in him driving the largest and most complex vehicle in our fleet, Truck 2, a 100 foot platform ladder-truck. Michel is also a devoted husband and father to a 7 year old daughter and 2 year old son. On behalf of the whole Department, and especially C-shift, we are excited to see Michael Cooper recognized with this prestigious award.”

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Paulding Fire Chief Joey Pelfrey (L) and FF/FAO Michael Cooper.