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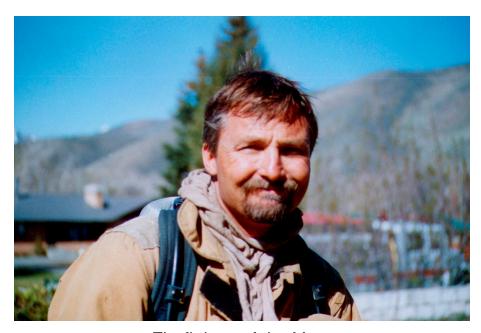
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## 2008 HAILEY FIRE DEPARTMENT FIREFIGHTER OF THE YEAR

(Hailey, Idaho) – Hailey Fire Department Captain Pat Rainey has been awarded the 2008 Hailey Fire Department Firefighter of the Year.

The award is given to that firefighter who demonstrates exemplary enthusiasm and dedication toward emergency services in Hailey. Captain Rainey has responded to house fires, wild fires, rescue and recovery operations, and all other types of emergencies. Each year Pat spends literally hundreds of hours of his own time training for emergency response in and around Hailey. Captain Rainey, who is an 18-year veteran of the Department, has never won the award before because he has been a chief officer, and therefore not eligible, for many years.

The Hailey Volunteer Fire Department consists of men and women who are not full time employees, but who have the dedication necessary to train for and respond to all manner of emergencies twenty-four hours a day, 365 days a week. The department currently has 22 volunteers. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact the Department at 788-3147.



Firefighter of the Year Captain Pat Rainey



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