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**FIREFIGHTER/PARAMEDIC CHRIS WALKER NAMED BURNSVILLE'S
FIRST FIREFIGHTER OF THE YEAR FOR 2017**

Firefighter/Paramedic Chris Walker has been named as Burnsville's first-ever Firefighter of the Year. The department implemented the peer nomination program in 2017 to highlight those in the Burnsville fire service who go above and beyond.

Walker has been a member of the Burnsville Fire Department for more than five years, often working outside of his normal duties to improve training, equipment, and to help better his fellow employees.

"Chris is constantly working to improve himself and those around him by taking time to research and practice his craft," said one of his peers who nominated him for the award. "He is always willing to help anyone with a problem or question, and is dedicated to the department and his "brother and sister" firefighters."

Walker is known to bring much enthusiasm and knowledge to his work, oftentimes being the first one to step up and lead trainings or encourage activities. His professionalism and positive attitude are also said to be unmatched in the fire station.

Walker is an esteemed Fire Training Officer (FTO), helping support new and current firefighters in necessary and important training. As an FTO, he makes sure that new candidates are ready to hit the streets, and works hard to prepare them throughout the field training process.

"He is a shining example of what a firefighter/paramedic should be – calm, cool and collected no matter the incident," said another colleague. "His knowledge and communication skills allow both his partners and residents to be comforted and reassured, even in the worst situations."

Walker is the type of Firefighter/Paramedic that others should strive to emulate, and one that the people of Burnsville (and the surrounding area) should be grateful to have serving them. For those reasons the Burnsville Fire Department is proud to announce Burnsville Firefighter Chris Walker as Burnsville's 2017 Firefighter of the Year.

For more information on the Burnsville Fire Department visit www.burnsville.org/fire.

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Burnsville Firefighter/Paramedic Chris Walker poses with his family after receiving recognition as Burnsville's 2017 Firefighter of the Year.

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