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Legislator Wieder Recognizes Heroic Efforts of First Responders

New City (January 21, 2015) – Rockland County Legislator Aron Wieder (District 13) presented Distinguished Service Awards to a Spring Valley Police Officer, the Spring Valley Fire Department and members of a local volunteer organization in recognition of their combined actions to rescue two citizens from a burning residence, ensure their safety in the aftermath of the rescue and extinguish the fire. The recognition ceremony was held Tuesday evening prior to the meeting of the County Legislature.

Spring Valley Police Officer Marc Miller was able to alert one occupant to the fire that had engulfed the front porch of the Spring Valley residence and carried her to the driveway where volunteers from Chaverim of Rockland, an Orthodox Jewish organization that assists the community, tended to the resident. Officer Miller then ran into the burning house to rescue a second occupant and his dog from one of the bedrooms. Although the November 23, 2014 fire heavily damaged the residence and destroyed most of the residents' belongings, no one was injured. Chaverim volunteers Joseph Gross, Yossi Margaretten, Joel Salko and Shloime Spira were present at the scene to assist the occupants.

Legislator Wieder said, "These gentlemen thought, not about themselves, but about others who were in grave danger and ran into a burning house to save lives. They are the role models that we strive to be and that we educate our children to follow. We are grateful for their services and their bravery. They are all true heroes."

Spring Valley Fire Chief Bob Johnson accepted the award on behalf of the Fire Department.

(Photo included: L-R: Leg. Soskin, Yossi Margaretten, PO Marc Miller, Shloime Spira, Joel Salko, Joseph Grossman, Chief Johnson, Leg. Wieder, Chairman Wolfe, Leg. Schoenberger)

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