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Chris Lee was duly recognized and clearly surprised when he was presented the 2012 Jerri Moore Spirit of EMS Award at the Melissa Memorial Hospital holiday gathering Tuesday, Dec. 4.

The award acknowledges dedicated Emergency Medical Services (EMS) employee Jerri Moore, who was murdered in March of 2004. Each year, a member of the ambulance service is recognized for their outstanding service.

In presenting the award at last week's program at MMH, Terry Andersen praised Lee, a first responder, for his willingness to cover on-call shifts and to step in when needed.

Past award recipients choose the winner each year, and their name is added to the large plaque that hangs in the waiting area by the nurse's station at MMH.



Chris Lee, pictured at right, accepts congratulations from Terry Andersen when Lee was announced as the 2012 Jerri Moore Spirit of EMS Award winner last week.

The plaque features a colored photo of Moore in action with EMS in a 2002 disaster drill. Each's year's winner is added on a separate gold plate on the plaque. Everyone has a nickname in the EMS program, and those nicknames are also included on the plaque.

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Jerri Moore Spirit of EMS Award “Jake” heads the award. It then reads, “Jerri Moore had a deep passion, dedication and caring attitude for all phases of EMS. Jerri’s award will be given yearly to the person who possesses the qualities that Jerri will forever be remembered for.”

Individual plates on the plaque acknowledge the following winners:

2004, Barry Winckler, “Ooga Boga;” 2005, Sharon Greenman, “Mario;” 2006, Christie Winckler, “Snooze” and Terry Andersen, “Chief;” 2007, Melissa Mayden, “Pipes;” 2008, Steve Young, “Frog;” 2009, Sheila Robinson, “Tex;” 2010, Bob Heldenbrand, “Radio;” 2011, Shawn Borland, “Bum;” and 2012, Chris Lee, “Clark Kent.”

Andersen initiated the award idea, and was surprised in 2006 when fellow EMS personnel added his name as a second award winner that year.

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