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A lieutenant who is noted for his expertise in rescue, and who participated in rescue and recovery efforts in West, Texas, was named the Burleson Fire Department's 2013 Fire Officer of the Year. Lt. Duane Wines accepted the honor at the department's annual banquet Jan. 11.

A fellow lieutenant and four firefighters nominated Wines.

"Lt. Wines was deployed along with several crew members to West just a few hours after the explosion to assist in the rescue and recovery efforts of victims, who were possibly trapped," according to the nomination. "Lt. Wines was assigned to the lead structural collapse role within the heavily damaged nursing home that was only a few hundred feet from ground zero. He took on this task with great confidence and used his knowledge to lead a crew while searching for victims."

The explosion at West Fertilizer Company in April 2013, killed more than a dozen people, including numerous first responders, and injured 200. The blast tore through a four-to-five-block radius, leveling roughly 80 homes and a middle school and trapping more than 100 residents of a nursing home in rubble.

Closer to home, the award winner served as an adjunct instructor for the Dallas-Fort Worth Metroplex Urban Shield Event. During that three-day event, the lieutenant "shared his love and knowledge for confined space and structural collapse with personnel from numerous departments across the state, including Fort Worth, Denton and Austin."

His co-workers describe Wines as a man who "keeps his composure while demonstrating great confidence and professionalism on scene. He always makes sure his crew members are up to date on the latest trends in the fire service by conducting training on a monthly basis."

Wines, 42, started with the Burleson Fire Department in 1998 as a rookie volunteer. He shared the Rookie of the Year Award, as a volunteer, in 1998. Burleson hired Wines as a career firefighter in 2001. He was promoted to lieutenant in 2006. He is certified as an advanced firefighter, EMT/Intermediate and a hazardous materials technician. Wines is also certified in confined space rescue, rope rescue, USAR (urban search and rescue), swift water rescue and wildland firefighting.

The award winner hails from Baton Rouge, Louisiana. He graduated from Woodlawn High School in 1990 and attended LSU. He has one son - 17-year-old Taylor Wines. Wines' girlfriend is Kristen Gillam.