

## **BEAUFORT COUNTY PAL SEEKS CITIZEN NOMINATIONS FOR FIRST RESPONDER AWARDS**

Beaufort County Police Activities League (BC PAL) is planning to recognize our First Responders (Police, Firemen, EMT...) who have made exceptional contributions to our Community at the annual BC PAL dinner-dance on November 7, 2015.



The objective of this program is to recognize outstanding community service by any Beaufort County law enforcement official or First Responder. This program is especially important given some of the unfortunate acts of violence that have taken place in other parts of the United States involving First responders.

To make sure that all nominated personnel get a fair chance for selection regardless of the size of the department they work for, four award nominees will be selected. Two will be from departments having 15 or more employees and two will be from departments that have less than 15 employees. Four awards will be given out and they will be:

- **Law Enforcement Officer of the Year-Community Service; large department**
- **Law Enforcement Officer of the Year-Community Service; small department**
- **First Responder Community Service Award; large department**
- **First Responder Community Service Award; small department**

We need to hear from you so let us know about any law enforcement officials or first responders that you have observed or know about providing a community service or act of kindness to help you or someone you know that was in your opinion a little beyond what they needed to do. To make sure the selection process is fair, BC PAL is taking a somewhat different approach to identify these individuals for these community service awards by seeking nominations or comments from the residents in our county instead of the more traditional approach of getting nominations just through the "chain of command."

The name of individuals that you want to nominate for these awards can be submitted by email, mail, the social network or telephonically. These nominations will be reviewed by a committee of PAL Directors and staff members who will select who they believe to have demonstrated the best examples of diversity, understanding, compassion, trust and good community relations.

**If you have someone you would like to submit for the award here are ways you can submit by the following:**

**-Please call and leave message at (252) 948-9439.**

**-Email [beaufortcountypal@hotmail.com](mailto:beaufortcountypal@hotmail.com)**

**-Or write a letter to BCPAL, 310 West Main St, Peterson Building,  
Suite 202D; Washington, NC, 27889.**

You may provide your name or submit the information anonymously. You should provide:

- the name of the person you want to recognize
- the department the individual works for
- the date(s) of the event
- a brief description of what was done by the responder
- why you feel this action represented an outstanding community service

**BCPAL needs your comments by October 30, 2015 so a selection can be made and that person recognized during the BC PAL dinner-dance.**