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**Upcounty Police Officers, Firefighters & Paramedics Honored for Bravery and Service by  
Local Business Community**

**Gaithersburg, MD (August 18, 2009)** – Over 100 people gathered at the Montgomery County Fairgrounds on Friday, August 14th for the Annual Gaithersburg-Germantown Chamber of Commerce Public Safety Awards Breakfast.

At its Public Safety Awards program the Gaithersburg-Germantown Chamber of Commerce recognized several members of the Gaithersburg Police Department, Montgomery County Police 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Districts & Montgomery County Fire & Rescue for bravery, distinguished service and meritorious service. This annual awards program provides the business community with an opportunity to publicly thank those who help maintain the quality of life in the Gaithersburg and Germantown area.

“The officers appreciate being recognized by the Gaithersburg-Germantown Chamber of Commerce. The examples cited highlight the excellent work done on a daily basis by the Gaithersburg Police, Montgomery County Police and the Montgomery County Fire and Rescue Service,” said Gaithersburg Police Chief John King.

Randy Scritchfield of Randy Scritchfield, CFP and a GGCC Board of Director was the Master of Ceremonies for the event. Mr. Scritchfield had all non public safety attendees stand at the end of the ceremony and had everyone look around at those that remained seated and stated “at some point today take a moment and remember what each of these public safety officials do for us each and every day” and the crowd exploded in applause for these honored men and women.

Government Officials in attendance were State Senator Rob Garagiola - District 15, State Delegate Craig Rice - District 15, State Delegate Kathleen Dumais - District 15, State Delegate Herman Taylor - District 14, City of Gaithersburg Mayor Sidney Katz, City of Gaithersburg Councilmember’s Cathy Drzyzgula, Ryan Spiegel, Henry Marraffa & Michael Sesma, City of Gaithersburg City Manager Angel Jones & Assistant City Managers Fred Felton & Tony Tomasello, Montgomery County Police, 6th District Captain Alan Goldberg & Lieutenant Daniel Waring, Montgomery County Police, 5th District Lieutenant John

McCloskey, Gaithersburg City Police Chief John King, Commander Richard Elliot, Lieutenant Thomas Campbell, Emergency Manager Coordinator Skip Lanham, Montgomery County Fire & Rescue Chief Richard Bowers, Michael Parsons, Constituent Services Office of Representative Chris Van Hollen, Mara M. Parker, Legislative Aide for the Office of Councilmember Marc Elrich, David Hondowicz, Senior Legislative Aide Office of Council President Phil Andrews, Director of the Upcounty Regional Services Center Cathy Matthews.

Each awardee was presented a citation of appreciation from Representative Chris Van Hollen & State Senator Rob Garagiola; as well as a gift card courtesy of Potomac Pizza.

Curtis Betz, Nick Yarmas & Devin McAtee from Boy Scout Troop #496 out of Poolesville presented the colors for the event and led the crowd in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Paul Davis Restoration & Remodeling was the Title Sponsor of the event. For more than 40 years, Paul Davis Restoration & Remodeling craftsmanship and care has helped families and businesses overcome the devastating setbacks inflicted by fire, flood and wind.

Other Public Safety sponsorships were provided by Capital Bank, Comcast Spotlight, Hilton Washington DC North Gaithersburg, Gaithersburg Rotary Club, The Gazette, Nighttime Care Centers, Novel Places & Self Storage Zone, A Cat Clinic, Randy Scritchfield CFP & Sandy Spring Bank

The Gaithersburg-Germantown Chamber of Commerce is located at 4 Professional Drive, Suite 132, Gaithersburg, MD. To see photos from the event or to learn more about Gaithersburg-Germantown Chamber visit them on the web at [www.ggchamber.org](http://www.ggchamber.org).

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The Gaithersburg-Germantown Chamber of Commerce honored men and women police officers and firefighters at their Annual Public Safety Awards Breakfast on August 14<sup>th</sup>.



City of Gaithersburg Mayor Sidney Katz and Gaithersburg City Chief of Police John King with the 2009 City of Gaithersburg Police 2009 GGCC Public Safety Award recipients



Montgomery County Fire & Rescue Chief Richard Bowers joined by the 2009 MCFR recipients take time out to thank the Lauren Nowak & Kelly Mulkins of Paul Davis Restoration & Remodeling, the event's Title Sponsor.