



Robert Rankin Chapter #62 Public Service Awards

*Cy-Fair Houston Chamber of Commerce
First Responder Honoree of the Month*

April 21, 2026

City of Jersey Village Fire Dept.



L-R Compatriot Tom Jackson, Jacque Hardy and Sarah Howard with First Responder Sponsor Sequoia Counseling Center, Honoree Firefighter Tallon Canaris and his fiancé, City of Jersey Village Fire Chief Mark Bitz, Captain Robert Missall, and City Manager Austin Bless. Firefighter Canaris was awarded the Fire Safety Medal. All members of the fire department also received Certificates of Appreciation for Covid Heroic Service.

Read by Chief Mark Bitz: Tallon Canaris joined the Jersey Village Fire Department in October of 2023, bringing with him not only strong clinical experience, but a deep-rooted passion for service. Growing up watching his father serve with the Eagle Lake Volunteer Fire Department, Tallon developed an early understanding of what it means to serve a community with dedication and integrity.

He earned his EMT-Basic certification in 2019 and began his career with Colorado County EMS, where he quickly distinguished himself. By 2020, he had obtained his Paramedic certification and stepped into a leadership role as a Field Training Officer, mentoring and guiding new EMS personnel. Even early in his career, Tallon showed a natural ability to lead, teach, and elevate those around him.

When Tallon joined our department, he came to us as a paramedic with a strong desire to become a firefighter. He didn't just express that goal—he pursued it with discipline and determination. We sent him to the fire academy, where he excelled. He was never late, always prepared, and took his training seriously, ultimately earning his Texas Commission on Fire Protection Basic Firefighter certification.

Since joining Jersey Village, Tallon has continued to step up in every way. He quickly completed his credentialing requirements and once again took on the role of Field Training Officer, helping guide newly hired paramedics through their own development. He has also supported fellow firefighters attending paramedic school, consistently encouraging them, answering questions, and helping them master critical skills.