

***Strongest Link in the Chain***  
**Nomination Form**

Nominee Name\_\_Joshua Whitten\_\_\_\_\_ Department\_\_Fire\_\_\_\_\_

Your Name\_\_Tommy Jones\_\_\_\_\_ Department\_\_Fire\_\_\_\_\_

Date Submitted\_\_December 30, 2016\_\_\_\_\_

Is this monthly nomination? **Yes** No If yes, which month \_\_December\_\_\_\_\_

Is this an annual nomination? Yes **No** If yes, which year\_\_\_\_\_

Department Director Signature\_\_\_\_\_Tommy Jones\_\_\_\_\_

**Reason for the Nomination**

Using the program criteria, explain in detail why the employee deserves to be recognized as the *Strongest Link in the Chain*. Use a separate sheet if necessary.

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The very foundation of effective fire-rescue response is the quality of the training that personnel receive. Our nomination, Firefighter/Rescue Technician Joshua Whitten, exemplifies the qualities of a professional whose primary goal is to provide his peers with the highest quality training available. In fulfilling his ambitions, Rescue Technician Whitten initiates essential technical rescue training on his own without being prompted by the leadership of the department. This is not ordinary training. The skill-sets required to be a Technical Rescue Specialist are extremely complex in nature and require hundreds of hours of training and preparation to achieve. Rescue Technician Whitten established schedules, outlines, and coordinated training for the technical skills of Confined Space and Technical Rope Rescue in 2016. In doing so, all GFR Rescue Technicians upgraded their required skills of being GSAR (Georgia Search and Rescue) certified technicians. We applaud Rescue Technician Whitten for his initiative to maintain our tradition of excellence through advance training opportunities.

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Previous discipline in last 12 months\_\_None\_\_\_\_\_

Final Rank\_\_1\_\_\_\_\_ HR Signature\_\_\_\_\_Miles Neville\_\_\_\_\_