

Firefighters honored for saving resident from burning home

Three members of the Dickson Fire Department were recognized for their efforts in saving a resident from a burning home.

At the Dickson City Council meeting April 6, 2026, Dickson Mayor Don L. Weiss Jr. and the council honored firefighters Terrence Darden, Cole Bone and Heath Crabtree for their actions in responding to a residential fire March 19. Dickson Fire Department Chief Richard Greer and Assistant Chief Brent Ham presented the firefighters with the department's Medal of Valor and certificates.

The Dickson Fire Department was dispatched at 4:20 pm March 19 to a residential fire alarm at a home on Payne Springs Road.

"Upon arrival and initial assessment, firefighters found the entry door registering approximately 215 degrees in the thermal imaging camera, accompanied by the odor of smoke and audible smoke alarms sounding from within the residence," Chief Greer reported.

Firefighters Darden, Crabtree and Bone made entry into the home with a hoseline to investigate and encountered smoke conditions down to waist level and immediately began a search of the residence.

"During that search, they located an occupant lying on a bed," Chief Greer reported. "While Firefighters Darden and Bone attended to the victim, Firefighter Crabtree located and extinguished the fire. The occupant was then brought safely outside and transferred to other personnel on scene for further care."

"I am extremely proud of the outstanding work performed by these firefighters in rescuing a victim from the residence," Mayor Weiss said. "Their actions reflected courage, professionalism, teamwork and a commitment to duty that represents the very best of the City of Dickson Fire Department. Based on their actions and bravery that day, the City of Dickson Fire Department presents Firefighters Terrence Darden, Heath Crabtree and Cole Bone the department's Medal of Valor."

The firefighters are members of the department's A Shift and on the day of the incident were working out of Station #1 in downtown. Firefighter Darden has been with the department since 2017 while Firefighters Bone and Crabtree started in 2024.