



SANDY SPRING VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.

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THE SPENCER J.H. BROWN AWARD

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The highest award presented each year by the Sandy Spring Volunteer Fire Department is the Spencer J.H. Brown Sr. Award.

Spencer Brown joined Sandy Spring in 1924. Throughout his years of service to the Department, Spencer applied the skills, knowledge, and professionalism required by the Department.

Spencer held the office of President for two years, and served as Chief for twelve years. He also served as President of the Montgomery County Fire Board, as well as the President of the Maryland State Firemen's Association from 1949 –1950

Throughout his service, Spencer never missed a regular Department business meeting. In his quest to provide the residents of Montgomery County with more adequate fire rescue service, Spencer was instrumental in chartering the Laytonville District VFD, Damascus VFD, and Clarkesville VFD.

This year's recipient of the Spencer J.H. Brown Sr. Award has demonstrated tireless participation, and dedication to the Sandy Spring Volunteer Fire Department since becoming a member.

This individual served the Department as a Firefighter and EMT for a number of years, and during that time, was also elected by the membership to serve on the Department's Board of Directors.

Currently, this member is representing Sandy Spring as an elected Alternate to the Montgomery County Volunteer Fire and Rescue Association, as well as an appointed Delegate to the Maryland State Firemen's Association.

These commitments require countless hours and miles, sometimes two to three times a week. No matter the distance, or weather conditions, this individual's presence, and participation can be counted on at every monthly business meeting, and nearly every fund-raiser, Open House, parade, and other Department events, throughout the year.

Each year, at the annual National Fallen Firefighters Memorial tribute in Emmitsburg Maryland, this member serves with respect, and compassion, as an escort and driver for families of firefighters who have died in the line of duty.

During the Christmas season, this member can be found in the back of the 1954 Mack, wearing a red suit, and hat, and a white beard, waving to excited children, and adults, and greeting them with a hardy HO, HO, HO, Merry Christmas!

This individual continues to represent the Sandy Spring Volunteer Fire Department at the highest level.

With grateful appreciation, this year's recipient of the Spencer J.H. Brown Sr. Award, if you haven't already guessed, is Mike McTighe Jr.