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### **Nebraska American Legion Honors Firefighter Officer-of-the-Year**

Lincoln (January 24, 2022) – The American Legion, Department of Nebraska, has selected James E. Liptrott of Omaha as their 2021 Firefighter/EMS-of-the-Year for his hard work and dedication to the Offutt Air Force Base Fire & Emergency Services.

Liptrott has been commended at multiple scenes saving multiple lives, assets, and facilities. His knowledge of medical treatment has been useful in multiple special operations. He has also been instrumental in the Civil Air Patrol Training. He has a strong dedication to improving himself, his surroundings, and improving the workplace for everyone.

Liptrott has also been awarded the 2021 Firefighter-of-the-Year for Bellevue American Legion Martin Graves Post 339, the 2021 Firefighter of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Award, and the 2021 Offutt AFB Fire and Emergency Services Firefighter-of-the-Year.

In his spare time, he fundraises for Susan G. Komen Race for a Cure and the Firefighter Benevolent Association. He also participates in Red Shirt Friday.

Liptrott served his country in the Air Force during the Iraq War, earning the rank of Staff Sergeant. He and his wife Kimberly, of 17 years, have two children: Josh and Mason.

Department Commander Dan Benes presented Liptrott with a certificate and plaque and thanked him for his dedication to duty. Following selection as Nebraska's Firefighter -of-the-Year, Liptrott's name has been submitted for consideration as the National Firefighter-of-the-Year.

Since its inception in 1919, The American Legion has been a key advocate for veterans' benefits, patriotic American values, instilling values in young people through numerous programs, and a strong national defense with a focus on quality-of-life issues for those serving in today's armed forces.

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