

Gerard “Gerry” Stause 10 Year Service Award

Gerry started his journey in the fire service as a volunteer for the Sarasota Fire Department back in 1997. Moving to Maryland, he became a Firefighter/EMT and served for three years at the Baltimore County Fire Department. There he earned his Firefighter I, Firefighter II and Rescue Tech Certifications. After returning to Florida he challenged the State of Florida’s Firefighter Test as well as Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) Test, passing both. Gerry joined the Venice Fire Department on June 30, 2003.

Firemedic Stause was awarded the Firefighter of the Year in 2006, which is an outstanding achievement for having been with the Department for only three (3) years. This award honors a member whose attitude, character, outstanding service and dedication to the fire service is in keeping with the highest traditions of the Venice Fire Department. His nomination noted that he was very worthy of this recognition and is a positive role model for others through his willingness to take that extra step, not only as a Firefighter but as a member of the Venice Fire Department. Gerry is always willing to do whatever is asked of him with a smile and a “get it done” attitude. He completes his duties with little to no supervision and never complains.

Firemedic Stause continues in his strive for excellence by having served on the Department’s Hazardous Material Team and remains a rescue diver, fill-in officer, fire boat operator, and assists in training for water rescue related areas. He recently received his Fire Officer Certification and continues to work toward his Associates Degree.

His dedication carries into his off hours as well. Gerry, while on vacation in Virginia with a few members of the Department, happened upon the scene of a very serious accident. They stopped and provided life-saving assistance. As a result, the victim survived and Gerry along with the group received the Department’s Service Commendation. Gerry is also a valuable Board member of the Firefighters Benevolent Fund. In fact, he is diligently working on a new and exciting fund-raiser for early next year.

Gerry has been married to his lovely wife, Lisa, for 13 years and shares his home with their cat Max. In his spare time he enjoys landscaping and participating in triathlons.

Gerry Stause is a great asset to the Venice Fire Department and the City of Venice.

Congratulations and thank you for your 10 years of dedicated service.