

## Union Twp. Fire Dept. January 2009 Employer of the Month

The Union Township Fire Department was honored as the Warren County Career Center's Employer of the Month for January 2009 at a luncheon recently. The WCCC Culinary students prepared and served the lunch.

Chief Bob Napier said he values the partnership his department has with WCCC in both the high school and adult education divisions. The department offers a scholarship for students in its Explorer program who wish to attend WCCC's high school program and also employs many WCCC students upon completion and certification. "The adult education program is excellent, I would estimate that 90 percent of our staff has had their training there," Chief Napier said. "The high school program is also excellent, and the instructor is one of the best. We offer a scholarship for one student each year who is in our Explorer program and who wants to attend the Career Center. It is not only cost effective (to earn the certifications in high school); it is helping to build for their future."

Chief Napier's department provides many opportunities for WCCC students. According to Chief Napier, we need more people to go into the Public Safety Services field. He said he is appreciative to have these programs available in Warren County.

"We appreciate all the fire departments and fire chiefs who work with us," Maggie Hess, WCCC superintendent, said. "Union Township does an outstanding job of providing resources for our students and then hiring them when they complete and are certified."

Jerad Albaugh, a 2008 Springboro graduate, completed the WCCC Fire Science program and was certified as a Firefighter II and EMT Basic. He works at the Union Township Fire Department and has just enrolled in a WCCC Adult Education Fire Safety Inspector class. Austin Mellendorf, Lebanon, is a senior in the Fire Science/EMT Basic class and an Explorer with Union Township. Both attended the luncheon.

The WCCC Fire Science/EMT Basic two-year program prepares high school juniors and seniors to take the Ohio Firefighter II and EMT Basic exams. Classes in Firefighter I and II, Volunteer Firefighter, and EMT Basic and Intermediate are offered through WCCC's Adult Education Public Safety Services programs.



From left, Director of Secondary Education Gary Patton, Director of Adult Education Tom Harris, Superintendent Maggie Hess, Union Township Fire Chief Bob Napier, Austin Mellendorf, Jerad Albaugh, Public Safety Services Coordinator Gary Reed, Fire Science Instructor Pat Lemming.