

Harpenden's heroic firefighters praised for rescue



Harpenden Mayor Cllr Michael Weaver with the Harpenden retained firefighters

THREE firefighters from Harpenden have been recognised for their bravery after they risked their own lives to rescue a man from a flat fire.

Fred Evans, Andrew Catton and Pierre Carion have each been awarded the Chief Constable's Commendation for Bravery following the fire in Lower Luton Road in January.

The retained firefighters from Harpenden Fire Station rescued a man from a third-floor flat under very difficult circumstances in a rapidly developing situation, working closely with the police to ensure the safety of all of those involved. The firefighters recently received their awards at Herts Police's headquarters in Welwyn Garden City and have also been visited by Harpenden Mayor Michael Weaver.

Chief Constable Frank Whitely said: "The teamwork demonstrated by the police and fire

service personnel involved was nothing short of amazing.

"It should be recognised that there were officers from different stations, teams, forces and services who worked incredibly well together to bring this dangerous incident to a successful resolution."

Richard Thake, Herts County Council's executive member for community safety, said: "I am delighted that the heroic efforts of these three firefighters have been recognised. They risked their own lives to save this man and also ensure the safety of other residents in the area."

District fire commander Simon Brown added: "The Harpenden fire crew have once again upheld the best traditions of the British Fire and Rescue Service. Residents of Harpenden should be justifiably proud of their fire station"

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