

*Mr. Chris Collins, Platoon Chief, Waterloo Fire Department, Recipient of the 2006 Amanda Finch Memorial EMS Award*



*Congratulations to all the nominees, Carmen Buchenauer, Paramedic, Chris Collins, Firefighter, Chris Downey, Police Officer, amazing people dedicated to making a difference in the lives of others.*



*I am always so very proud to present this award and grateful to Hospice of Waterloo, for recognizing our wonderful EMS workers who put themselves on the line for us all every day, working together for the common goal of helping those in need.*

*Most of us can never imagine what they see every day. Amanda would tell us many stories as we ate dinner each night, some of which we would ask her to keep until we had finished eating. I remember a story she told us about the time she crawled through the back window of a car wreck to help a victim and the next thing she heard a voice say "how can I help you Amanda" she looked around and it was a police officer who had followed her. She was extremely grateful for the assistance. I also remember the firefighter who told her, how much he admired her skills and calmness in the mist of a horrific accident. I think it is so important to recognize all these unsung heroes as they go about their daily service to others. Thank you, each and every one of you, wherever you may be.*