

2023 Work Wheels Winner Announced

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Jay Volunteer Fire Department's Sno-Cat Catches the "Best In Tow" Prize

As part of the exciting conclusion of Town Fair on September 27, our Work Wheels Best In Tow contest winner has been chosen! All Town Fair attendees had the opportunity to view the entry from the Windsor Fire Department on site, while photos of the other two finalists were featured on the contest's poster next to the ballot box. These three were chosen from the pool of thirteen entrants, all hoping to win the Best In Tow prize: a \$2,000 gift certificate from Hard Wired Auto Electronics of Waterville, Vermont.

After two days of voting by our Town Fair attendees, Jay Volunteer Fire Department took the top prize with their Sno-Cat. In line with the judging criteria, the Sno-Cat features the unique ways our municipalities use their vehicles, including a fun town logo bearing a yeti. These details gave the Sno-Cat an easy lead in the contest, while the second and third place running was much closer. Being displayed on site complete with an eye-catching paint job, fresh

wash, and flashy emergency lighting gave the Windsor Fire Department's Command Vehicle the edge to win second place, and the Rutland Town Volunteer Fire Department's Rosenbauer Fire Engine took third place.

Although the Windsor Fire Department didn't win the top prize, Chief Kevin McAllister did take home a two-part consolation prize: the contest poster to display at the fire station and bragging rights for edging out the Rutland Town FD.

We thank the Work Wheels sponsors: Hard Wired Auto Electronics is providing the Best In Tow prize, and the VLCT Property and Casualty Intermunicipal Fund (PACIF) is providing the \$1,000 Best TO Tow prize (won by the City of South Burlington Highway Department's grader). We look forward to seeing more municipal vehicles enter next year's Work Wheels competition!

BTW, we think the Jay Volunteer Fire Department also deserves credit for this ultra-realistic "job" posting on their website.

Job Opening: Jay Volunteer Fire Fighter

Hours: 24 hours a day, 7 days a week

Working Conditions: Hot, cold, wet, smoky, dark

Training: Weekly Training Meetings Wednesdays, 6:30 pm, plus weekend training courses throughout the year.

Uniforms: We will give you the best gear we can afford.

Tools: Trade related only and taught to you free of charge.

Advancements: Whatever you set your sights, can be achieved.

Pay Scale: Are you kidding? You volunteer, remember?

Rewards: Cup of coffee, can of soda and a sandwich. Once in awhile a pat on the back. But don't forget the free "chewing out" you might get from the Fire Chief.

Retirement Benefits: Honorary Status after 10 years of service.

Personal Awards: Self gratification, a smile or look that says "thank you".

Social & Public Rewards: The appreciation of the Rural and Community Residents.

Just think, now is your chance to fulfill your childhood dreams to ride on a fire truck, blow the siren, climb the ladder, and squirt the hose. On this job the pay is cheap, but the self-esteem is great. Now you can be a hero and help someone in need. Please think it over and join today.

Come to the Monthly Board of Directors Meeting, the second Wednesday of the month.

And/or contact a Jay Fighter for an application.

Junior Firefighters must be at least 15 years of age.