

# **SEECOM Telecommunicators receive Commendations**

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This Commendation is being awarded to Telecommunicators **Becky Kochanski, Taryn Gnatos, Amber Wollenberg, Peter Sofie, Jacki Hildebrandt, Steven Murphy, Jennifer Kryca, Christine Miner,** and **Lisa Mattson** for Exceptional Teamwork on March 31, 2010.

On the date in question at approximately 1520 hrs, SEECOM received multiple calls for service concerning a Large Barn fire in unincorporated Crystal Lake, Illinois. This deployment quickly developed into a MABAS box alarm and then rapidly expanded to a second MABAS box alarm with multiple responding agencies. In the midst of their involvement with this incident, SEECOM received additional numerous calls for service from citizens and The Lake in the Hills Communications Center regarding a large spreading brush fire that was immediately threatening households in their jurisdiction. The on site Lake in the Hills Police Department reported that no less than four homes were badly in need of immediate fire response and that an evacuation was taking place. The responding Algonquin Fire Rescue Department immediately activated a MABAS box alarm to the second level and agencies in both Divisions 5 and 2 responded, giving rise to the SEECOM staff to control two major fire incidents and subsequent multiple agency responses in simultaneous fashion.

Although there was loss of property and considerable damage caused by these incidents there can be no doubt that the swift and accurate deployment of multiple fire agencies by the SEECOM staff resulted in the prevention of much greater loss of property and the prevention of any injury to citizens residing in the immediate areas and first responders alike.

Your consolidated efforts as SEECOM Team Members throughout these instances is an example of pride in one's chosen profession and worthy of Commendation.  
Congratulations to ALL!