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PRESS RELEASE

**SPRINGETTSBURY TOWNSHIP RECOGNIZED BY THE NATIONAL COMMITTEE FOR EMPLOYER
SUPPORT OF THE GUARD AND RESERVE (ESGR)**

York, PA –Springettsbury Township has been recognized by the National Committee for Employer Support the Guard and Reserve (ESGR), after being nominated by Springettsbury Township Firefighter Scott Little.

Scott's name has become familiar to the residents of Springettsbury, as we've kept everyone updated since he was hired as a career firefighter in 2004. This is because Scott is not only a Springettsbury Township firefighter, but also a Marine Forces reservist firefighter with the Marine Wing Support Squadron in Willow Grove, Pennsylvania. He joined the Marine Forces Reserve after graduating from high school. He left Springettsbury Township for California on June 1, 2004 to prepare for a seven-month tour of duty in Iraq. After a couple of months of specialized training in California and Arizona, Little and his unit were deployed on August 16, 2004 to Al-Asad Air Base in Iraq to support air and ground combat forces. He served in Al-Asad, Al-Qaim, and Al-Ramadi.

Scott returned to Springettsbury as a career firefighter in 2005, and has wanted to thank the Township for being supportive of him during his deployment. He did so by nominating Springettsbury for the Patriot Award, an award for outstanding employers of Guard and Reserve employees. In addition to nominating Springettsbury Township for the Patriot Award, Scott also wrote an essay to nominate the Township for the Freedom Award. This is a National award that only 15 employers are awarded each year, out of over 2,200 entries. Winners of the Freedom Award will be determined later this year.

The Township is proud to have employees like Scott Little, and continues to support our men and women in uniform.

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Pictured Left to Right: Michael R. Bowman, Board Member; Nicholas L. Gurreri, Board Member; William H. Schenck, III, Chairman; Scott Little, Firefighter; Donald P. Bishop, Vice Chairman