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General Shale Honors First Responders at Third Annual History & Hero Night

JOHNSON CITY, Tenn. — General Shale teamed up with the Johnson City Cardinals last week to once again honor several local heroes.

The third annual History & Hero Night — held at Friday's game at Howard Johnson Field at the TVA Credit Union Ballpark — recognized several of the area's first responders for their exceptional service to the community.

Headquartered in Johnson City, General Shale is the North American subsidiary of Wienerberger AG and a leading manufacturer of brick, one of the world's oldest green building materials.

"General Shale is proud to honor these dedicated local heroes for their outstanding service to Johnson City and Washington County," said Charles Smith, president and CEO of General Shale. "The commitment each of these individuals makes every day to ensure our safety and well-being is a big part of what makes our community such a wonderful place to live. We thank them for their hard work and sacrifice to make a difference in this great place General Shale is proud to call home."

General Shale presented commemorative brick sculptures to seven public servants representing law enforcement officers, firefighters and paramedics from Johnson City and Washington County. These include:

Scott Wiseman, safety assistant with BAE Systems and 17-year member of Washington County Rescue Services, holding the rank of captain. Wiseman serves on the agency's specialty teams, including technical rope rescue, swift water rescue, and dive rescue and recovery, and is a board member of Washington County/Johnson City Emergency Medical Services.

Jason Honeycutt, master police officer 2 with the Johnson City Police Department. Honeycutt has worked for the department for 15 years. He also served in U.S. Army infantry for 13 years, with deployments to Bosnia and Iraq, and retired with the rank of sergeant first class.

Mark Finucane, who retired from his position as assistant chief with the Johnson City Fire Department and served as a firefighter for 27 years. He currently works as an instructor for the community emergency response team and as adjunct instructor for the Northeast Tennessee Regional Fire Training School. Finucane is also chair of the Tennessee's Firefighting Personnel Standards and Education Commission.

Kevin Colbaugh, who has been a firefighter paramedic for 26 years. Colbaugh serves as a field training officer for new team members. He was awarded Tennessee's highest honor — Colonel, Aide de Camp, Governor's staff — as a result of his numerous lifesaving efforts.

Adam Lunceford, master police officer with the Johnson City Police Department. A nine-year department veteran, Lunceford is an evidence technician, crisis intervention officer and field training officer on patrol for platoon three, and has also served on the department's honor guard. He also serves as staff sergeant with the U.S. Army Reserves.

Jeff Stork, officer with the Johnson City Police Department for the past 24 years. Stork has served as past vice president of both the Fraternal Order of Police and the Police Benevolence Association. He was accompanied by his partner, K9 Officer Storm, a patrol and narcotics detective credited with more than 75 arrests during his 10-year career with the department.

Bobbie Ingram, EMT IV Tech with Washington County, Johnson City Emergency Medical Services. Ingram has served with the EMS for nearly a decade

ABOUT GENERAL SHALE

General Shale is one of North America's largest brick, stone and concrete block manufacturers, supplying a wide variety of masonry materials for residential, commercial and specialty architectural projects. These materials include brick, thin veneers, stone, outdoor living kits, concrete block and various building materials, which include Arriscraft® Stone Products. The company offers an endless array of sizes, colors and textures to complete any building project. With a life cycle of more than 100 years, the sustainability of brick is the company's commitment to responsible stewardship.

Throughout the U.S. and Canada, General Shale operates manufacturing facilities in nine states and provinces, in addition to a network of more than 40 retail showrooms and over 300 affiliated distributors across North America. In 1999, General Shale grew even stronger when it joined Wienerberger AG of Vienna, Austria, the world's largest brick manufacturer.

General Shale was founded in 1928 and is headquartered in Johnson City, Tennessee. For more information, visit www.generalshale.com.