Firefighter Mueller was honored for his heroic actions at a three-story house fire. When the Fire Department arrived, the first floor was already engulfed in flames, and the second and third floors were filled with smoke. Firefighters aggressively attempted to rescue the residents inside, but the commander soon gave the order to evacuate. Firefighter Mueller had already reached the second floor, where he discovered a small unconscious child. Refusing to leave the child behind, he laid completely flat and cautiously made his way toward the youngster. With fire and smoke billowing around him, Firefighter Mueller carried the child through the interior stairwell and out of the dwelling. He performed this entire rescue without the protection of a hose line.