

## City of Lewiston Press Release

**Members of the Media:** Below please find a press release highlighting the Lewiston Fire Department being recognized with a United Way of Androscoggin “Community Builder Award.” Any media coverage you could render would be greatly appreciated. A photo is also enclosed (left to right): United Way’s Director of Community Impact Larry Marcoux, Lewiston Fire’s Administrative Assistant Joyce Ruby, Lewiston Fire Chief Paul LeClair, and United Way’s Executive Director Joleen Bedard. Thanks, Dottie

### **PRESS RELEASE**

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**LEWISTON:** Sparks of enthusiasm occurred at the June 11, 2014, United Way of Androscoggin County Annual Meeting, as the **Lewiston Fire Department was surprised with a Community Builder Award**, a new recognition to celebrate businesses, non-profits, and individuals who exemplify the spirit of giving back to their communities. Recipients are touted as helping to identify and take steps toward

solutions for significant issues affecting our community—those who are willing to ask the next questions, take the next steps, and find the needed resources or create community in new ways.

The Lewiston Fire Department, represented at the United Way’s Annual Meeting by Chief Paul LeClair and Fire’s Administrative Assistant Joyce Ruby, were presented with a plaque of appreciation. United Way President Joleen Bedard noted, **“We all are aware that fire and police employees are always ready – 24/7.”** She continued in reference to a magnitude of Lewiston fires over a nine-day period, **“The Lewiston Fire Department and area responders are to be commended for their hard work that continued even after the last fire was out. No lives were lost, and demolition of the blighted buildings offers downtown Lewiston new possibilities.”**

Other recipients of the Community Builder Award were: Auburn School Department Early Childhood Team Leader Linda Levia recognized for bringing a unique prospective and thorough knowledge of early childhood needs in Androscoggin County to United Way's assessment and decision-making process; President & General Manager of WMTW-TV/News 8 Dave Able who has broadcast on-air editorials discussing the importance of education and several on-air editorials advocating for increased resources for early childhood development; and Erin Reed of the Trinity Jubilee Center, a tireless advocate for victims of recent fires in Lewiston, known by her neighbors for her generous heart and genuine commitment to improving the community.

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