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Chief Jim Furgerson Named 2025 Public Health Champion  
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Congratulations to Western Taney County Fire Assistant Chief Jim Furgerson on being named the 2025 Public Health Champion! During National Public Health Week, Taney County Health Department (TCHD) staff nominate an outstanding partner, business, or organization that has gone above and beyond to support public health throughout the year.

The nomination reads;

*“Chief Furgerson is a strong supporter of fire safety. He often goes above and beyond to help with facilities that need improvement and to build relationships in the community. He has been a valuable partner to the Taney County Health Department and often assists with joint inspections. These efforts have educated more people about fire safety. By teaching and working with others, Chief Furgerson helps lodging facilities find ways to improve and solve problems together. He always takes time out of his day to help however he can. His knowledge and dedication have made him an important part of both the Environmental Health Division and all of Taney County. As one of the Health Department’s biggest supporters, he is always ready to help. Chief Furgerson is truly a champion for public health.”*

This award recognizes champions who lead by example in advancing public health, work together with community partners, educate others, promote the well-being of residents, and find creative solutions that make a lasting difference. Chief Furgerson’s consistent dedication to collaborating on health and safety standards reflects an ongoing commitment to safeguarding the well-being of the visitors and residents of Taney County.

“Chief Furgerson has been a friend of public health for many years now and we are excited to honor him as the 2025 Public Health Champion.” states Lisa Marshall, TCHD Director. “He always goes above and beyond to serve the community and looks for every opportunity to partner with public health.”

Congratulations to Chief Jim Furgerson on receiving this well-deserved honor!

Photos from the award ceremony can be found on all TCHD social media channels. These include Facebook, Instagram, LinkedIn, and X. To learn more about TCHD, please call 417-334-4544 or visit our website at [www.taneycohealth.org](http://www.taneycohealth.org).

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