Rescue Squad, family establish PCC scholarship in memory of Pete Slaughter

The Person County Rescue Squad and the family of Pete Slaughter have established a scholarship at Piedmont Community College to honor Slaughter’s life and memory. The Pete Slaughter Person County Rescue Squad Memorial Scholarship was established to benefit Person County graduates seeking degrees in the medical or law enforcement field. The first scholarship will be awarded in May and will be valued at $1,000.

Slaughter served with the Roxboro Police Department and then with the Person County Sheriff’s Department and was a long-time volunteer with the Person County Rescue Squad. He became a certified EMT in 1985 and was squad treasurer for over 15 years. Fellow rescue squad members say he provided many dedicated hours of service, assisting with everyday tasks and special events.

“Pete was a giver, not a taker. When I speak of him as my hero, I believe he was a hero to many,” said his younger brother Jim Slaughter of Durham. “His life in law enforcement was always spent correcting a wrong, and his volunteering at the rescue squad was always helping someone in need.”

During his retirement, Pete worked at the Virginia International Raceway (VIR), where co-workers say he was “cherished by all his co-workers and very dedicated to VIR.” VIR has honored him with a memorial plaque in the raceway guard house.

Although Slaughter lost his battle to cancer in 2010, family and friends hope to continue his legacy of helping others and giving back through the PCC scholarship.

“It has been an honor working with the Slaughter family and Rescue Squad members,” said Elizabeth Townsend, PCC Foundation Executive Director. “They are all so dedicated
to the education of Person County students, particularly in the areas of medical and law enforcement, where Mr. Slaughter was involved. I believe each scholarship awarded from this fund will make an impact not only on the recipient, but also on those involved in the creation of this memorial scholarship.”

The PCC Foundation is continuing to take donations for the Pete Slaughter Person County Rescue Squad Memorial Scholarship and hopes to grow the scholarship fund to $10,000 to make it an endowed scholarship to help PCC students for many years to come. Persons interested in donating to the scholarship may make checks to the Piedmont Community College Foundation and designate them “For Pete Slaughter Scholarship.” Checks may be mailed to the PCC Foundation, P.O. Box 1101, Roxboro, NC 27573 or delivered to the Foundation Office, located on the Person County Campus in Building A.