

# 2008 New Jersey State Jefferson Awards



## MICHAEL L. RAHILL YOUR 2008 AWARDS MEDALIST NOMINATED BY MARGIT AND KELLY RAHILL

*From left:* Sam Beard, co-founder of the Jefferson Awards, medalist Michael L. Rahill, and George Arwady, Publisher of The Star-Ledger



Jefferson Award Honoree Michael L. Rahill, who is also an Officer with the NJSPCA

Michael is a 34 year old young man with fourteen years as a Volunteer Fireman for Hopatcong Fire Dept. His passion for volunteering began two decades ago, when his family home was almost destroyed by fire. Michael has also been involved with the Jefferson Rotary Club. In the last two years he was actively involved with VVA Chapter 327 in redoing a Veteran's house that had been damaged in a flood. To date he is still involved and continually checks on this veteran. Michael has also

worked with a local Church called the Sparta Presbyterian Church to get the necessary supplies to update the home of a soldier friend, who left for Iraq in June. He also led an effort with three Rotary clubs (two in the USA and one overseas) that raised over \$30,000 to obtain safety gear for the Fire Dept. of Sopron, Hungary (his family's ancestral home). Michael is also an Officer with the New Jersey Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals. He helps them raise funds and protect mistreated animals.

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