

# employee of the month

Plant Operations Coordinator **Russell** has been honored with the North Oaks Health System Employee of the Month Award for February 2006. Russell is a three-time recipient of this award – first in November 1993 and then again in May 1998.

A graduate of Southeastern Louisiana University, Russell earned a bachelor's degree in Industrial Technology.

Russell began his career at North Oaks in 1992 as an Electrician and moved through the ranks to become Electrical/Bio-Med Supervisor in 1993, Buildings and Grounds Coordinator in 1997, and has been in his current position as Plant Operations Coordinator since April 2005.

North Oaks Director of Plant Operations Pam Smith states, "Russell is a good leader and mentor for the Plant Operations staff. He exemplifies an admirable work ethic, pride and team spirit and is a true ambassador for North Oaks Health System."

In addition to serving as a volunteer firefighter and EMT for over 20 years with the Ponchatoula Volunteer Fire Department, Russell also currently serves as Secretary/Treasurer for this volunteer organization.

Russell and his wife Cheryl reside in his hometown of Ponchatoula. They have two children, Russell II and Dayna. Russell is a fourth generation professional firefighter with the Ponchatoula Fire Department, and Dayna is a senior at Nicholls State University majoring in Culinary Science through the John Folse Culinary School. Russell loves woodworking, hunting, fishing and spending time in the great outdoors.



**"I love helping people, and my job affords me the opportunity to do so. Helping others brings me the most job satisfaction."**

**– Russell**



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