



Lea Ann Parsley Biography

Lea Ann Parsley is a decorated firefighter and a 2002 Winter Olympic silver medallist in the women's skeleton event. She has demonstrated tremendous skill, dedication and bravery to both athletics and firefighting.

Parsley began volunteering at her hometown fire department in Granville, Ohio when she was 16. Over 15 years later, she still volunteers at the Granville Fire Department and also works at the Plain Township fire department in nearby New Albany, Ohio. In 1999 she was named Ohio Firefighter of the Year after rescuing a woman and her 14-year-old wheelchair bound daughter escape from their burning house.

While not fighting fires, Parsley participates in many sports, including the skeleton, a high-speed sledding event, for which Parsley won a silver medal in this year' 2002 Winter Olympics in Salt Lake City, Utah.

Parsley is also a registered nurse and is working toward a doctorate degree in nursing at Ohio State University.