50-year employee honored for service to Wilkes-Barre

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Dorothy 'Cis' Owens, office manager for the Wilkes-Barre City Fire Department was recognized for her 50 years of service to the city. Pictured from left to right are Wilkes-Barre Fire Chief Jay Delaney, Owens, Deputy Fire Chief Alan Klapat and Mayor George Brown.

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WILKES-BARRE — Mayor George Brown Tuesday presented a proclamation and a key to the city to Dorothy Lynn Owens for her 50 years of service, support, and dedication to the community and Wilkes-Barre.

Owens, office manager for the Wilkes-Barre City Fire Department, is affectionately known as "Cis" to her friends and coworkers. She is the mother of Jacob Owens Sidloski of Florida.

Owens began her career with the city on Jan. 1, 1971 as a secretary in the department of City Housing Inspection. She has been office manager for the fire department for 24 years. Among her responsibilities are: coordinating ambulance billing with the city's ambulance billing vendor; responding to information requested by Fire/Emergency Medical Service; management of the Fire/EMS Clothing Fund; producing department Daily Fire Reporting Audits; and management of over 12,000 Fire and EMS reports annually.

Fire Chief Jay Delaney said Owens is a great employee and would be very hard to replace. "She possesses a great attitude at the fire department and is extremely friendly and professional to all of the contacts made to the fire department," Delaney said.