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Employee of the Year Mr. Jerry Drake

Tucson Fire names its "Firefighter of the Year"

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TUCSON, AZ (Tucson News Now) - Friday was a morning of accolades at Tucson Fire Central in downtown.

Starting with TFD's Honor Guard and the posting of the colors, today's annual awards ceremony recognized employees for their hard work-going above and beyond-and dedication to service.

Deputy Chief Sharon McDonough earned the "Fire Chief's Award" for her role in TFD's management takeover of the 911 system last year.

"This is a huge, huge, huge honor to think I'd ever be here, it's not something I thought would happen, it's exciting," McDonough said.

Joyce Carrasco earned the most prestigious award of the day as she was named "Firefighter of the Year."

"It does feel good," she said, "just like everybody else, I'm doing my job. It's an honor. I'm happy."

Tucson Mayor Jonathan Rothschild was also on hand to present the "Outstanding Citizen Award" to city employee Michael Parente for saving a man's life by performing CPR.



2011 Award Recipients

- * Tucson Firefighters Local #479 Award-Roger Wright, Paramedic
- * Honorary Firefighter-Dr. Jeff Thomas
- * Medal of Merit-Michael Jones, Capt./Francisco Nunez, Firefighter
- * Medal of Valor-Aaron Snyder
- * Edwin L. Neville, III Award-Ray Dashiell, Captain
- * Fire Chief's Award-Sharon McDonough, Deputy Chief
- * Employee of the Year-Jerry Drake
- * Firefighter of the Year Award-Joyce Carrasco, Firefighter

2013 Ken Brouillette

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Current Tucson Fire Department

Previous CITY OF PUYALLUP, LAKEWOOD FIRE DEPARTMENT

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Tucson Fire Department Annual Award Recipients for 2013

Fire Fighter of the Year

Investigator Wayne Cummings

Non-Uniform Employee of the Year

Mr. Ken Brouillette

Fire Chief's Award

Captain Barrett Baker

Edwin L. Neville, III Award

Paramedic Michael Heinz

L.A.F.F. Local 479 Award

Ms. Dori Wright

TFD Medal of Valor

Fire Fighter Andrew Napier

Fire Fighter Sean Palese

TFD Medal of Merit

Investigator Thomas R. Quesnel

2014 Adriana Tovar



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Administrative Assistant Adriana Tovar

Award of Merit

Emergency Vehicle Technician Supervisor Lindsay Dobbie

Captain Steve Scionti

Edwin L. Neville, III Award

Paramedic Steven Gauger

TFD Medal of Merit

Captain Mike Coyle

Fire Chief's Award

Captain Christopher Jurvig

Firefighter of the Year Award

Engineer Joshua Walker

Closing Remarks

Fire Chief Jim Critchley



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Recipient – Administrative Assistant at Training Adriana Tovar

Presenter –

Talking Points:

It can be said that the only constant is change and this holds true for the training division, as Adriana has worked for and with four deputy chiefs and numerous captains during her six-year assignment to the PSA. Adriana has proven to be an invaluable constant and asset to the training staff throughout the continuous personnel turnover at the academy by ensuring that these transitions are as seamless as possible.

Adriana takes enormous pride in her job, and her work is outstanding due to the professionalism and attention to detail she displays on a daily basis. She possesses a strong work ethic, is extremely productive, and has the ability to balance multiple priorities while being available to assist the training staff's numerous needs. Adriana also brings credibility to the training division, as her work is complete, accurate and professional in nature.

When it comes to customer service, Adriana is usually our internal and external customers' first point of contact at the academy and does a great job in representing the training division in a professional and positive manner. She works very well with TPD's PSA staff and is very helpful to the numerous outside agencies and fire departments that utilize the PSA.

Greater Tucson Fire Foundation

Thanks you for taking an interest in Tucson Fire Department history —

This is one of many sections that contain information, documents, letters, newspaper articles, pictures, etc. They have been collected and arranged in chronological order or by a subject. These items were collected, organized and entered into a computerized database by Dave Ridings Assistant Chief Tucson Fire Department, Al Ring friend of the department, Greater Tucson Fire Foundation and with the help of many friends and fellow firefighters.

All graphics have been improved to make the resolution as good as possible, but the reader should remember that many came from copies of old newspaper articles. This also applies to other items such as documents, letters, etc.

Credit to the source of the documents, photos, etc. is provided whenever it was available. We realize that many items are not identified and regret that we weren't able to provide this information. As far as the newspaper articles that are not identified, 99% of them would have to be from one of three possible sources. The *Arizona Daily Star*, The *Tucson Citizen* and the *Tucson Daily Citizen*, for which we want to give a special thanks.

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Should the reader have additional information on the above subject we would appreciate you sharing it with us. Please see the names and contact information on the 1st. TFD Archives page right below this paragraph.

