Tucson Fire Department
Award of Service

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Award of Service
Awarded for distinguished service to the Department and the community.

1994	**Jeff Corey**
	Larry Smith
1997	**Jeff Leach**
1998	**Richard Felix**
	Effrim Griffin
	Todd Kaveloh
	Scott Kaveloh
	Randy Ogden
	Ron Summers
1999	**Nancy Avery**
	Polly Elson
	Diane Esslinger Gamble
	Ronald Koslowski
	Patrick Quinn
	Ernesto Sanchez
	Nicole Sprenger
	Ron Summers
2002	**Polly Elson**
	Andrew Gerrish
	Sharlinda Jones
	Ed Mendoza
	Edwin L. Neville III
	Kenneth Ramsden
	Ernesto Sanchez
	Nicole Sprenger
	Roger Wright
2003	**Scott Kaveloh**
	Diane Esslinger Gamble
2004	**Brian Delfs**
	Ray Klein
	Glenn Fleck
	Mike Jones
	Jennifer LaCoss
2005	**Chris Kelaher**
	John Nagore
	Steve Ruetz
	Carl Schultz
	Jeff Corey
2006	**Norma Battaglia**
	Robert Denst
	Tony Gonzales
	Todd Pearson
	Roberto Torres
	Dr. Terry Valenzuela
2007	**Norma Battaglia**
	Polly Elson
	Clint Gerber
	Thomas Quesnel
	Adrianna Tovar
	Andy Trujillo
	Bret Welander
	Cam Welander
	Francisco Leyva
	Paul Mickelberg
	Ann Moser
	Tina Tarin
	David Greenleaf
	Clinton Moss
2008	**Diane Benson**
	Iris Celaya
	Don Chantengco
	Greg Chmara
	Wayne Cummings
	Glenn Fleck
	Rich Gebben
	Rich Fitzgerald
	Clint Gerber
	John Gulotta
	Mike Jones

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2008	**Carl Mare**
	Ed Nied
	Kenneth Ramsden
	Roger Thompson
	Casey Tribolet
	Darrin Wallentine
2009	**Brian Anspach**
	Nancy Avery
	Bruce Avram
	Adam Bower
	Chris Cardinal
	Joyce Carrasco
	Iris Celaya
	James Cosmos
	J. W. Davis
	Ed Hackett
	Robert Denst
	Mike Garcia
	Jay Hogan
	James Redding
	Ryan Gaudioso
	Nate Neva
	Frank Granillo
	Brett Hale
	Mandy Hart
	Rich Hyatt, III
	Paul McDonough
	Ted McDonough
	Joseph Noriega
	Eric Perry
	Kenneth Ramsden
	Joe Roberson
	Rob Rodriguez
	Jeffery Shipley
	Brittney Spangle
	Roberto Torres
	Roberto Vasquez
	Matt Wallace
2009	**Bryce Neva**
	Tom Peck
	Joseph Jakoby
	Nate Weber
	Dr. Peate
	Dr. Reynolds
	Mr. Sexton
	Ms. Hager
2010	**Richard Hyatt III**
2011	**Richard Felix**
	Gabby Nunez
	Roger Wright
	Robert Bonilla
	Clinton Gerber
	Mandy Hart
	Cecelia Mendoza
	Bobby Merritt
	Sharon McDonough
	Michael Garcia
	Carl Mare
	Geoffrey Kuhn
	Restoration Team
	Thomas Matthews
	Thomas Knapp
	Martin “Harvey” Brown
	Adriana Tovar
2012	**Tucson Pipe and Drum**
	Jimmy Davis, Jr.
	Daniel Bostick
	Robert Lewis
	Roberto Vasquez
2013	**Chad Dorris**
	Scott Krause
2014	**No Award Presented**
2015	**Evan Banard**
	Captain Mike Bishop
	Chief Patrick Quinn

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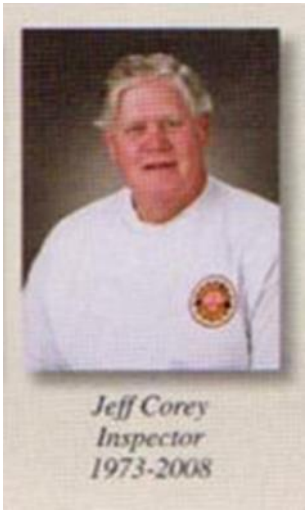
2016	**Captain David Dorame**
	Captain Paul Moore
	Paramedic Matthew Trujillo
	Mrs. Lynn Kastella
	Captain Dan Heffelfinger
	Captain Roberto Vasquez
	Captain Corey Dorman,
	Engineer Joseph Munoz
	FF David Brannen
	FF Carlos Burruel
	FF Jose Terrazas
	Cecilla Mendoza
	Amaris Vasquez
2017	**Engineer Todd Davis**
	Paramedic Daniel Scott
	Station 19 "C"
	Station 17 "C"
2018	**Ms. Adriana Tovar**
	Captain Brad DeCastro
	Engineer Ruben Robles
	Inspector Ms. Jennifer Peel-Davis
	Battalion Chief James Kearney
	Battalion Chief Brian Stevens
	Battalion Chief Dan Heffelfinger
	Station 9C Captain Bill Nelson, Engineer Slater Harper, Firefighter Ivan Valencia,
	Firefighter Anthony Wilborn, Captain Jason Rhyner, Engineer Wesley Snyder,
	Firefighter Tyler Sauber, Firefighter Adam Alexander, Paramedic Mike Martinez,
	Captain Keith Bourie, Paramedic Jeff Nadler, Paramedic Chris Clegg, Battalion Chief Ron Lopez, Captain Joe Fyffe

1994 Jeff Corey

Jeffrey B. Corey
Fire Investigator
2/20/73



Jeff Corey
Inspector
1973-2008

AWARD OF SERVICE	1994

1994 Larry Smith

AWARD OF SERVICE	1994

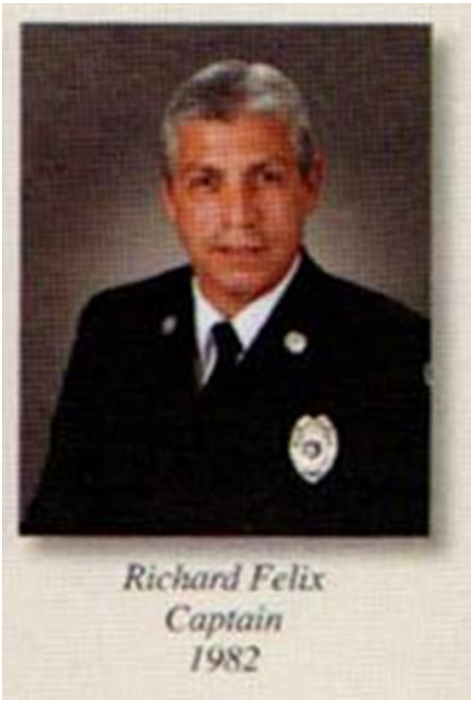
1997 Jeff Leach

Jeffrey D. Leach
Captain
12/3/79

LEACH	JEFF	AWARD OF SERVICE	1997

1998 Richard Felix

Richard W. Felix
Captain
6/28/82



Richard Felix
Captain
1982

FELIX	RICHARD	AWARD OF SERVICE	1998

1998 Effrim Griffin

Effrim J. Griffin
Fire Inspector
6/22/82

GRIFFIN	EFFRIM	AWARD OF SERVICE	1998

1998 Todd Kaveloh

Todd W. Kaveloh
Paramedic
6/28/82

Todd Kaveloh
Paramedic
1982

KAVELOH	TODD	AWARD OF SERVICE	1998

1998 Scott Kaveloh

Scott W. Kaveloh
Firefighter
1/30/84

Scott Kaveloh
Firefighter
1984

KAVELOH	SCOTT	AWARD OF SERVICE	1998

1998 Randy Ogden

AWARD OF SERVICE	1998

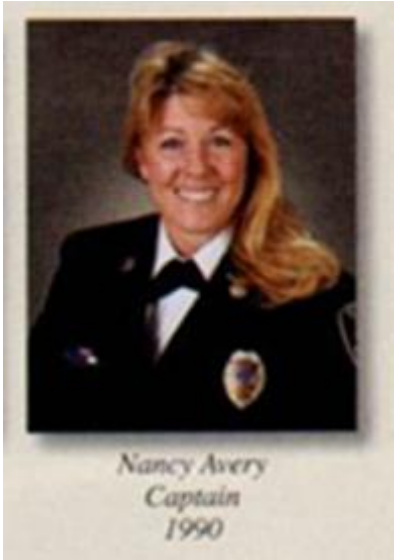
1998 Ron Summers

Ronald W. Summers
Captain
9/18/89

SUMMERS	RON	AWARD OF SERVICE	1998	AWARD OF SERVICE	1999

1999 Nancy Avery

Nancy R. Avery
Firefighter
10/29/90



Nancy Avery
Captain
1990

AWARD OF SERVICE	1999

1999 Polly Elson

ELSON	POLLY	AWARD OF SERVICE	1999	AWARD OF SERVICE	2002	AWARD OF SERVICE	2007

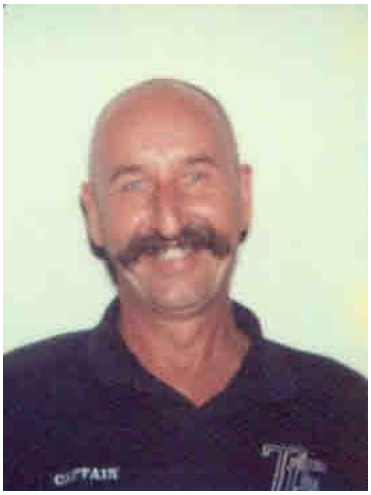
1999 Diane Esslinger Gamble

Diane E. Esslinger
Secretary II
3/23/93

ESSLINGER	DIANE	AWARD OF SERVICE	1999

1999 Ronald Koslowski

Ronald J. Koslowski
Captain
8/4/75



S	KOSLOWSKI	RONALD	AWARD OF SERVICE	1999

1999 Patrick Quinn

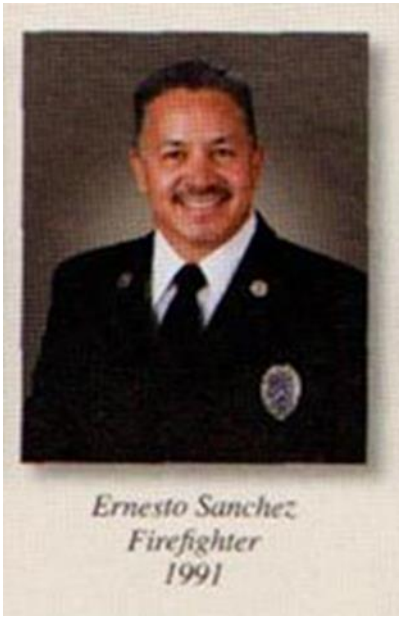
Patrick F. Quinn
Captain
7/22/85

Patrick Quinn
Deputy Chief
1985

AWARD OF SERVICE	1999

1999 Ernesto Sanchez

Ernesto L. Sanchez
Fire Inspector
6/3/91



Ernesto Sanchez
Firefighter
1991

SANCHEZ	ERNESTO	AWARD OF SERVICE	1999	AWARD OF SERVICE	2002

1999 Nicole Sprenger

Nikki Sprenger
Inspector
1994

SPRENGER	NICOLE	AWARD OF SERVICE	1999	AWARD OF SERVICE	2002

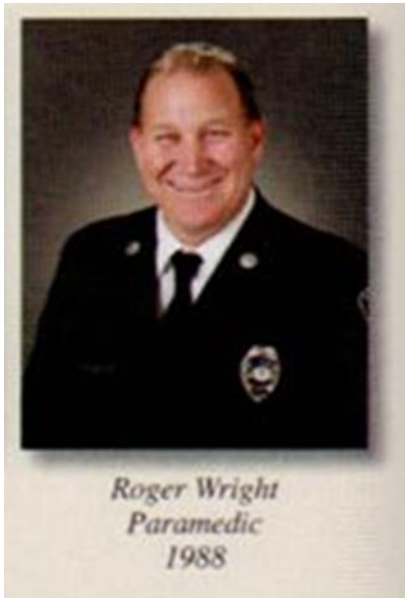
1999 Ron Summers

Ronald W. Summers
Captain
9/18/89

SUMMERS	RON	AWARD OF SERVICE	1998	AWARD OF SERVICE	1999

2002 Roger Wright

Roger P. Wright
Paramedic
7/5/88



Roger Wright
Paramedic
1988

Award of Service

Paramedic Roger Wright

Paramedic Roger Wright has been a member of the Tucson Fire Department for over thirteen years and a paramedic for over ten years. While delivering exceptional service as a medic, Roger has made countless other contributions to the City, the Department and to our community. Over the last few years Roger has coordinated the Climb A Mountain for Cancer Program, has served as Santa for children afflicted with cancer hospitalized at University Medical Center, has participated in the collection and distribution of food boxes for the needy as well as the Adopt-A-Family Program, and he has played a significant role in the Tucson Fire Department Chili Cook-Off

Roger also represents the whole department as a Union leader, he is active in all legislative aspects on the local, State and Federal level and has attended numerous seminars, schools, and conventions to better himself for both career and union representation. For his many contributions, Roger has earned the Tucson Fire Department Award of Service.

2002 Kenneth Ramsden

Kenneth W. Ramsden
Captain
7/22/85

Ken Ramsden
Captain
1985

Captain Kenneth Ramsden

Captain Kenneth Ramsden has been a member of the Tucson Fire Department for in excess of sixteen years. While serving as an exemplary firefighter, paramedic and now a captain, Captain Ramsden has gone far above the call of duty in his participation in the

Chili Cook-off, Critical Incident Stress Management Team and the Line-of-Duty Death Committee. He has also provided his skill and expertise in assisting the building of props and displays for Pubic Education programs sponsored by the department. For his continued dedication to the department and his many contributions to the organization and the city, we present him with the Tucson Fire Department **Award of Service**.

2002 Andrew Gerrish

Andrew L. Gerrish
Engineer
7/22/85

Engineer Andrew Gerrish

Andrew Gerrish has been a member of the Tucson Fire Department for over sixteen years and has been an engineer and a member of the hazardous material unit for fourteen years. Andrew has demonstrated himself as an informal leader and a mentor for the more junior members of the team. He has developed a strong relationship with children and schools through his active involvement in adopt-a-school and station tours, and has demonstrated exceptional EMT skills when administering aid to patients. Andrew's overwhelming positive attitude, his strong work ethic, and his ability to build a teamwork atmosphere marks him as an exceptional employee and a well deserving recipient of the Tucson Fire Department **Award of Service.**

2002 Edwardo Mendoza

Eduardo Mendoza
Firefighter
8/30/93

Eduardo Mendoza
Firefighter
1993

Firefighter Eduardo Mendoza

Firefighter Eduardo Mendoza has proven himself to be a role model and mentor to many younger firefighters. As a member of the Hazardous Materials unit Eduardo has contributed many new ideas on equipment and procedures that has enhanced the unit's ability to provide the best quality service. As a Spanish speaker, Eduardo has assisted the public information officer in delivering special messages to our local Spanish television stations and even taught other members of his crew basic Spanish phrases to help them in serving the public. Eduardo's commitment to our community extends beyond his dedication to the department. Eduardo is a member of the US Navel Reserve, works extensively on the chili cook-off, adopt-a-family, holiday food boxes and coaches a Pop Warner football team. His peers as, well as myself, recognize Eduardo Mendoza as worthy recipient of the Tucson Fire Department **Award of Service**.

2002 Edwin L. Neville III

Edwin L. Neville III
Fire Battalion Chief
8/29/77

Battalion Chief Edwin L. Neville III

With over 24 years of service to the Department and the community, Chief Neville exemplifies commitment and dedication. Chief Neville has served admirably in several capacities throughout his career.

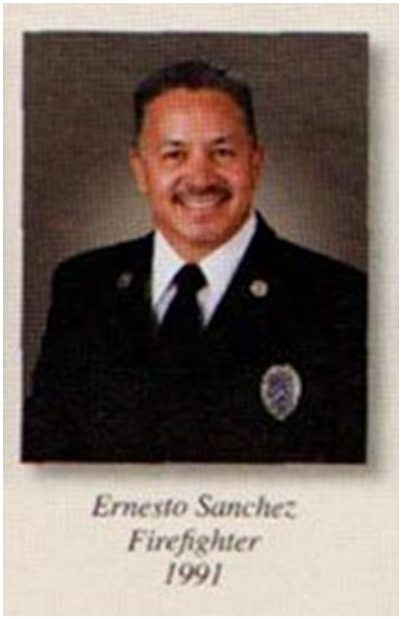
As the department's Personnel Officer, Chief Neville developed administrative policies and procedures that included the drug and alcohol policies for the department. As the Fire Prevention Battalion Chief he developed and implemented a city policy that ensures the review of Fire Code and environmental issues prior to the City purchasing or leasing property. Chief Neville's expertise and abilities were again demonstrated in his position as Medical Battalion Chief. In this position Ed established and managed the Cost Recovery Section, which provides financial oversight for the transport and billing of

Advanced Life Support (ALS) patients. Currently this program generates over 4 million dollars per year for the general fund.

Within the community, Chief Neville has been involved in a myriad of associations and groups that focus on helping members of this community. He has received numerous service and community achievement awards including, the Outstanding Employee Award from the Committee on Employment of People with Disabilities, the Desert Southwest Chapter's MS Achievement Award, as well as nomination for the Western MS Achievement Award. Chief Neville's past and present dedication and commitment to this Department, and community, stand out as testimony to his dedication, professionalism, and selfless service. It is with great admiration and pride that I award Chief Edwin L. Neville the Tucson Fire Department's **Award of Service**.

2002 Ernesto Sanchez

Ernesto L. Sanchez
Fire Inspector
6/3/91



Ernesto Sanchez
Firefighter
1991

SANCHEZ	ERNESTO	AWARD OF SERVICE	1999	AWARD OF SERVICE	2002

Inspector Ernesto Sanchez

Inspector Sanchez's dedication to the Juvenile Fire Starter Program and the Tucson Fire Department has been demonstrated in many ways. Inspector Sanchez as attended JFS meetings and counsels to learn as much as possible about current trends in this field. He has traveled to Texas, California, Nevada, Florida, Oregon and even Canada, many times on his own time and at his own expense to study respected JFS programs. Inspector Sanchez's efforts through instruction and hard work has resulted in the development of a Tucson Fire Department Juvenile Fire Starter Intervention and Assessment Program that will serve as a model for current and future educators in this field. Inspector Ernesto Sanchez's hard work and dedication has earned him the Tucson Fire Department **Award of Service**.

2002 Polly Elson

Polly Y. Elson
Injury Prevention
7/31/95

ELSON	POLLY	AWARD OF SERVICE	1999	AWARD OF SERVICE	2002	AWARD OF SERVICE	2007

Mrs. Polly Elson

Over the past three years, Polly Elson has been the main driving force of the 'Tucson Hot Spots' fire prevention, education and injury prevention team. Ms. Elson has acted in the multiple roles of director, master puppeteer and coach, scene set and costume designer, and scriptwriter. Her endless hours of dedication and long range vision of a dynamic public education troupe has brought to fruition a team of educators that has established themselves to be among the best fire service educational troupe in the country.

Over the past two years Ms. Elson has also developed an In-Line Skating curriculum that was awarded a grant for development from the Arizona Department of Health Services and has also been the Drowning Prevention Program Coordinator for the fire department. Ms. Elson's energy and high level of professional standard has allowed each member of the Public Education Office to spring off and create individual educational programs with the safety net of knowing Polly will be there for support and guidance.
The Arizona SafeKids State Organization honored Ms. Elson last year with a coveted "Crystal Award" for the safety programs she has developed and her devotion to the prevention of injury to the children of Arizona. It gives me great pleasure to award Polly Elson the Tucson Fire Department **Award of Service**.

2002 Nicole Sprenger

Nikki Sprenger
Inspector
1994

SPRENGER	NICOLE	AWARD OF SERVICE	1999	AWARD OF SERVICE	2002

Inspector Nicole Sprenger

For the past three years Inspector Sprenger has served as a member of the Tucson Hot Spots. Her contributions of talents, energy and dedication were instrumental in the Hot Spots being Nationally recognized.

During the last two years, Inspector Sprenger has developed and implemented a train-the-trainer program for pre-school and pre-kindergarten teachers to facilitate in their own classrooms. Inspector Sprenger has conducted bi-monthly programs that have educated more than 100 city licensed day care providers. Within this same time period Inspector Sprenger was contacted by the Pima County Health Department to design, initiate and complete a pilot program aimed at protecting senior citizens from common household hazards. This resulted in Inspector Sprenger developing a Safe Seniors Program that has included safety inspections in 60 senior's homes. Inspector Sprenger's work ethic, dedication, creativity and commitment to safety, for all citizens, have earned her the Tucson Fire Department **Award of Service**.

2002 Sharlinda Jones

Ms. Sharlinda Jones

Ms Jones, while employed as a clerk/typist, has, over the past three years, distinguished herself as one of the foremost authorities and one of the most dedicated checkers of Child Passenger Safety Seats in the state of Arizona. Over the past three years, Ms. Jones has, at her own expense, become an eight hour Certified Passenger Seat Checker and a National Highway Traffic Safety Administration certified Technician by attending a four day standardized CPS class, and as of June, 2000, a NHTSA certified Instructor.

Ms. Jones has personally been involved with the instruction of 3 National Highway Traffic Safety Administration 4-day certification courses either as the lead instructor or co-instructor. She has taught or co-taught 28 Children Always Ride Restrained classes, and has been personally responsible for checking and/or installing 493 car seats to date. Ms. Jones has also helped to organize, or participate in twelve different Car Seat Check Events. The size and impact of each of these events is overwhelming when one considers the amount of preparation that is required and the benefit that is delivered to the community.

For outstanding contributions to our department and the city, I am pleased to award Ms. Jones the Tucson Fire Department **Award of Service**.

2003 Scott Kaveloh

Scott W. Kaveloh
Firefighter
1/30/84

Scott Kaveloh
Firefighter
1984

2003 Award Recipients

Fire Chief's Award
Michael McKendrick

Firefighter of the Year
Captain Patrick Bunker

Medal of Honor
Captain Tom Matthew

Medal of Valor
Captain Brian Stevens

Edwin L. Neville III Award
Captain James Clark
This is a new annual award that had been initiated to recognize personnel who have made significant contributions in EMS to the department and the community.

Award of Merit
Captain Ray Sayre
Paramedic Edward Hackett
Captain Jerome Manion
MS. Nicki Singleton
MS. Maria Armstrong

Award of Service
Firefighter Scott Kaveloh
Diane Esslinger

MM# 054
DATE: 04/25/03

Unit Citation
En 03 "B"
Captain Mike Walls
Eng. Peter Bernal
FF John Nagore
FF Mario Carrasco
FF. Eric Rotter (Eng 5 "B")

Unit Citation
Engine 9 "C" Shift
Captain Tom Matthew
Eng. Rick Chitty
Eng. (acting FF) Dave Bowerman
FF. Josh Walker

Unit Citation
Paramedic 07 "C" Shift
PM Erik Vail
PM Chris Bryant

Unit Citation
Engine 8 and PM 8 "A" Shift
Engine Eight
Captain Ron Summers
Engineer Mike Macias
Firefighter Mockbee
Firefighter Castoro

PM 08
PM Mike Ward
PM Kassandra Oberdank,

2003 Diane Esslinger Gamble

Diane E. Esslinger
Secretary II
3/23/93

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PM Mike Ward
PM Kassandra Oberdank,

2004 Ray Klein

Raymond Klein
Captain
9/18/89

MEMORANDUM

DATE: December 17, 2004

TO: Micheal Brandt
Asst. Chief
Awards Chair

FROM: Patrick Bunker
Captain
LD01 B

SUBJECT: Honorary Awards: Ed Neville EMS Excellence Award

It is my pleasure to nominate Captain Ray Klein for the Ed Neville EMS Excellence Award. Ray has been an outstanding contributor to Tucson Fire EMS for several years. For the past several years he has been an EC 21 Captain at Fire Station #1.

In this capacity he has been instrumental in assisting in policy review, equipment standards and making sure that the rules and policy of the Tucson Fire Department were being adhered too. He makes sure that all of our personnel are getting the support and equipment needed no matter what time of the day or night. He understands his role as support and supervision of the field personnel. He listens to the concerns of others and makes sure that everything he has control over is being addressed. Captain Klein is also not afraid to hold all in the system accountable for their actions including the doctors and nurses. There has been more then one time Captain Klein has got up in the middle of the night to address the concerns from medics about hospital staff. Ray is a great communicator and has the ability to diffuse these situations with reason and common sense. There is nobody on the Tucson Fire that knows the EMS laws better then Ray, and because of this he has been able to protect our medics and the fire department itself from mis-informed members of our community.

Ray has also elevated the Hazardous Materials Tox-Medic program to the status it enjoys today. Captain Klein developed and implemented a common sense approach to Tox-medicine that targets the pre-hospital provider. Ray not only developed the course but he literally wrote the book that we use to teach this class. This is not only a class that Tucson Fire uses but Pima Community College adopted this course and it is now being taught county wide.

Captain Klein's largest impact on EMS, the fire department and the community is his tireless efforts in training our new paramedics. Not only does he train these paramedics for the city, but also trains most of the paramedics and EMT's for the county and in some cases the state. With his teaching efforts Ray is shaping the minds and attitudes of the up coming EMT's and Paramedics that are going to be serving our community and treating our loved ones. Ray has also played a significant role in the continuing education of all our paramedics. Ray assisted in the developing of the continuing education program that has been a major success for all of our paramedics along with developing the Tox-medic refresher program. The outstanding education and training that our paramedics receive is in great part due to Captain Klein.

Fire Chief's Award
Battalion Chief Rich Hyatt

Fire Fighter of the Year
Fire Fighter Mario Carrasco

Ed Neville Award
Paramedic Scott McKinney

Medal of Valor
Paramedic Paco Nieto

Medal of Merit
Captain Kelly Nelson

Award of Merit
Paramedic Mike Grinnell
Engineer Josh Walker
Engineer Matt McDonald
Engineer Paul Ford
Captain Jeff Huber
Paramedic Michael Morgan
Firefighter Daren Lakosky
Firefighter Robert August
Firefighter Frank Shumaker
Captain Dave Pope

Award of Service
Captain Ray Klein
Captain Brian Delfs
Captain Mike Jones
Firefighter Jennifer LaCoss
Captain Glenn Fleck

Honorary Fire Fighter
Dr. Ted Tong

TFFA Awards
Paramedic Scott McKinney
Dr. Wayne Peate
Bob Baker

MM#: 028
DATE: 04/19/05

2004 Brian Delfs

Brian C. Delfs
Captain
6/28/82

Brian Delfs
Captain
1982

Fire Chief's Award
Battalion Chief Rich Hyatt

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Fire Fighter Mario Carrasco

Ed Neville Award
Paramedic Scott McKinney

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Paramedic Paco Nieto

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Bob Baker

MM#: 028
DATE: 04/19/05

2004 Brian Delfs

MEMORANDUM

DATE: December 17, 2004

TO: Michael Brandt
Assistant Chief
Awards Chair

FROM: Firefighters of Station One
" B" Shift

SUBJECT: Captain Brian Delfs for 2004 Firefighter of the Year

It is our pleasure to submit Captain Brian Delfs for Firefighter of the Year.

It is going to be very hard for us to put into words what Brain has done and what he has meant to the Tucson Fire Department. There is not a person in the department today, from the Fire Chief to the newest recruit, which has not been affected in a positive manner from the efforts of Brian.

As the union president, Brian is constantly looking out for the interests of all the firefighters and the Tucson Fire Department. He is constantly fighting to improve our work environment while trying to make it a win–win situation for both labor and management. When Brian became a union officer, he brought with him a team approach concept. A new attitude of professionalism, integrity, and cooperation with administration and the rest of the city leaders have been mutually beneficial. There have been countless times when the Mayor, City Manager and City Council members have called Brian to solicit help or get advise on issues involving public safety and labor relations. As the union president, Brian knows when too draw a line in the sand and go toe to toe with his opponents. Brain continues to be able to work out an agreeable outcome for all parties. Brian's ability to communicate ideas, listen, and critically look at all side of the issues makes him the leader he is.

Being the union president is just one of the many hats that Brian wears that puts Tucson Fire Department in a good light. Brian is also a member of the pension board and has been for many years. He is trusted with keeping the pension system intact, and making sure that our members are getting what they deserve while defending it from unwarranted claims.

Governor Napolitano has appointed Brian as a member of the Arizona Industrial Commission. In this capacity, he looks after the safety and rights of workers and businesses. At the request of the mayor, Brian has agreed to be on a planning committee for the Regional Transportation Plan. No matter what Brain is doing, he is building relationships that are benefiting the Tucson Fire Department and the City of Tucson.

The next thing we would like to talk about is Captain Brian Delfs, the Fire Officer. In our combined years in the fire service, we have never been around anyone that knows the business of being a firefighter better than Captain Delfs. Brian has the ability to size-up any scene, calm everyone down and make an action plan. The one constant in a stressful fire scene, when everything is going wrong, will be the "steady as a rock" Captain Delfs. His ability to look at each and every scene with a critical eye keeps everyone safe and in control. Some people pursue this job because of the benefits; pay and schedule, much of which Brian has helped negotiate.

Brian took this job because he had no choice; God made him to be a firefighter. He knew it as a child visiting old station one. Little did most of those firefighters know that the child they were giving a tour to, would be the man who would someday lead them in emergency situations and make sure they are taken care of in retirement. Brian could pursue many opportunities, but the one thing he loves, is being a firefighter. You see it in him everyday when he walks through the door of station one.

We have told you a lot of what Brian is and what he has accomplished, let us tell you what he is not. He is not conceited or cocky, he is not selfish or arrogant. Most people do not know everything that Brian does because he does not talk about it. Brian would make a very good spy because nothing will make him talk; being trustworthy is an understatement. The things that he is able to accomplish in a single day would be enough for some of us for our entire career. For Brian, it's just another day at the office and then he has the next day to think about.

Brian takes time away from his family to make sure all of us are taken care of. His wife Julie, and their kids have also endured a terrific sacrifice for the Tucson Fire Department. Their generosity has allowed us to take so much time away from them; they are also deserving of this award for sharing so much of Brain's time with us.

In closing, Brian is the type of person that just makes you better at whatever you are doing just by being around him. He will challenge you, he will educate you, he will give you hope and make you a better person. He will show you the positive side in everything and show you that all is not lost, it was just a battle and not the war. He has been able to secure a better future and retirement for every single person on the Tucson Fire Department.

For all that Brian does, he could have been Firefighter of the Year many times over. Lets make Captain Brian Delfs Firefighter of the Year for 2004.

2004 Mike Jones

Michael E. Jones
Captain
9/18/89

Michael Jones
Captain
1989

Award of Service

MEMORANDUM

DATE: December 24, 2004

TO: Mike Brandt
Assistant Chief
Code Administration

FROM: Daniel W. Uthe
Deputy Chief/Fire Marshal
Fire Prevention

SUBJECT: Nomination for a Honorary Award

I am pleased to nominate Captain Mike Jones for Honorary Award. Captain Jones is an excellent employee who has consistently performed his assigned tasks, as well as the additional responsibilities, in a highly efficient and professional manner. He continues to go "above and beyond" in all aspects of his duties and responsibilities as a Fire Captain assigned to Fire Prevention. His performance in this position has caused me to rely heavily upon him on a daily basis. Because of his experience, temperament, and leadership, he is in charge of the unit in my absence.

Captain Jones is the supervisor for the Business Assistance Unit (BAU). The functions of BAU include: the Hazardous Waste Program, the School Inspection Program, the Business Assistance Program, the City Buildings Inspection Program and he is the City Spill Response Coordinator.

In addition to those responsibilities, he also worked on the following special projects over the last year:

- Liaison with Kinder Morgan Pipeline
- Liaison with the Arts district/city real estate
- Committee member for the city wide electronic MSDS project
- Committee member for creation of the City wide spill control Plan
- Committee member for creation of the Suntran Stormwater Pollution Plan
- Committee member for the creation of the Price service Center Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan
- Suntran Environmental Management System implementation committee
- Suntran Training sub committee
- Suntran Emergency planning sub committee
- Coordinate TFD follow up activities for TCC fire

I have received numerous compliments for his work on the special projects. Through his efforts, Tucson is a safer place. Mike Jones is always friendly, helpful, and is a real ambassador for the Fire Prevention Section. Everyone that works with him would agree that he is deserving of a Honorary Award.

Thank you for your consideration. If you need additional information, please feel free to contact me at 5630.

2004 Mike Jones

Fire Chief's Award
Battalion Chief Rich Hyatt

Fire Fighter of the Year
Fire Fighter Mario Carrasco

Ed Neville Award
Paramedic Scott McKinney

Medal of Valor
Paramedic Paco Nieto

Medal of Merit
Captain Kelly Nelson

Award of Merit
Paramedic Mike Grinnell
Engineer Josh Walker
Engineer Matt McDonald
Engineer Paul Ford
Captain Jeff Huber
Paramedic Michael Morgan
Firefighter Daren Lakosky
Firefighter Robert August
Firefighter Frank Shumaker
Captain Dave Pope

Award of Service
Captain Ray Klein
Captain Brian Delfs
Captain Mike Jones
Firefighter Jennifer LaCoss
Captain Glenn Fleck

Honorary Fire Fighter
Dr. Ted Tong

TFFA Awards
Paramedic Scott McKinney
Dr. Wayne Peate
Bob Baker

MM#: 028
DATE: 04/19/05

2004 Jennifer LaCoss

Jennifer R. La Coss
Firefighter
7/21/97

Jennifer LaCoss
Firefighter
1997

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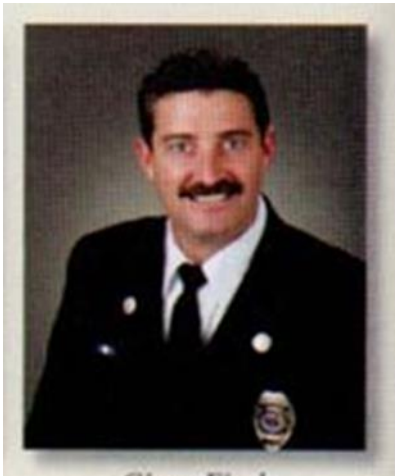
2004 Glenn Fleck

Glenn A. Fleck
Firefighter
11/18/96



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2004 Glenn Fleck

Award of Service

MEMORANDUM

DATE: December 18, 2004

TO: Micheal Brandt
Asst. Chief
Awards Chair

FROM: Patrick Bunker
Captain
LD01 B

SUBJECT: Honorary Awards

I am nominating Paramedic Glenn Fleck for an Award of Service.

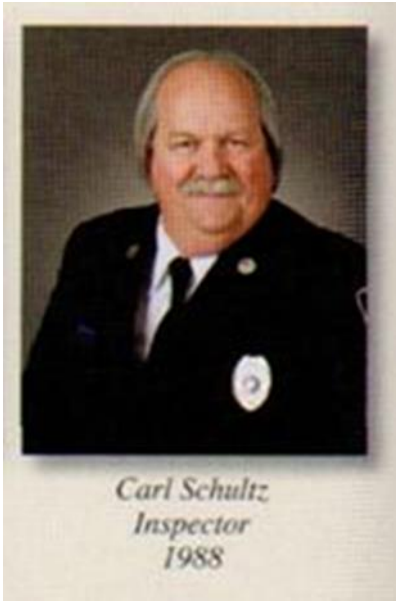
Glenn is currently a Paramedic assigned to the Haz-Mat team on Medic 1. As a member of the Haz-Mat team Glenn has taken on the responsibility of becoming the computer technology expert for the team. As such he has been able to learn and bring new computer programs and equipment that we are currently using. Glenn has learned all of the computer programs in detail including ALHOA, MARPLOT, CAMEO, and the new WMD program CATS. Glenn has also assisted in the purchase and installation of a new scanner, cell phones, and high speed Internet. In the past year Glenn has traveled all over the country obtaining valuable knowledge in these programs so he could come back and teach the team the correct way to implement this technology. His commitment to the team does not stop there, along with the traveling he has spent countless hours of his off duty time staying over and training the other shifts or working out problems with our MIS section. Glenn has also been teaching other fire departments and agencies placing Tucson Fire in a good light. Glenn has an outstanding work ethic making sure the problems encountered with these types of programs have been worked out and that the Haz-Mat team can use these programs.

Paramedic Fleck is also very involved in the WMD response and training. He has also traveled to Alabama, Nevada, and Utah for advanced specialized training in these fields. Glenn has been very active in the training of our Haz-Mat and paramedic classes. Glenn and his partner are outstanding paramedics and are always being selected as mentors and preceptors to paramedic students and ride alongs. Even with all this going on he was able to place #9 on the Captains list.

Glenn is an excellent example of a firefighter that is going above and beyond for the department that he works for. Because of his work ethic and team approach he is an excellent example of a Tucson Firefighter.

2005 Carl Schultz

Carl R. Schultz
Fire Inspector
7/5/88



Carl Schultz
Inspector
1988

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Firefighter Roscoe Ealey

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DATE: 03/30/06

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Inspector John Nagore
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Captain Chris Kelaher

Citizen Award
Dr. Richard Nassi
William Dickenson

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Bn 03 A Ellis
Fire Supply/Maintenance

2005 Steve Ruetz

Steven S. Ruetz
Firefighter
6/29/98

Steve Ruetz
Captain
1998

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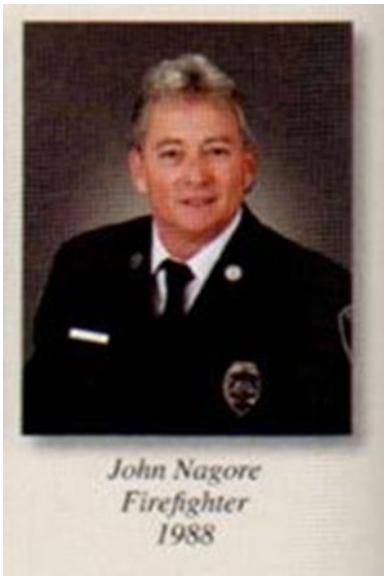
2005 John Nagore

John G. Nagore
Firefighter
7/5/88



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Firefighter
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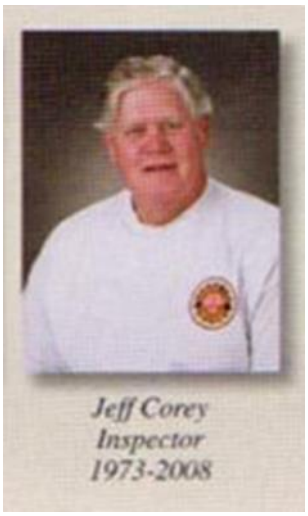
Fire Supply/Maintenance

2005 Jeff Corey

Jeffrey B. Corey
Fire Investigator
2/20/73



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2006 Robert Denst

Robert M. Denst
Captain
7/22/85

Bob Denst
Captain
1985

Award of Service

MEMORANDUM

DATE: December 22, 2006

TO: Dave Ridings
Assistant Chief
FHQ

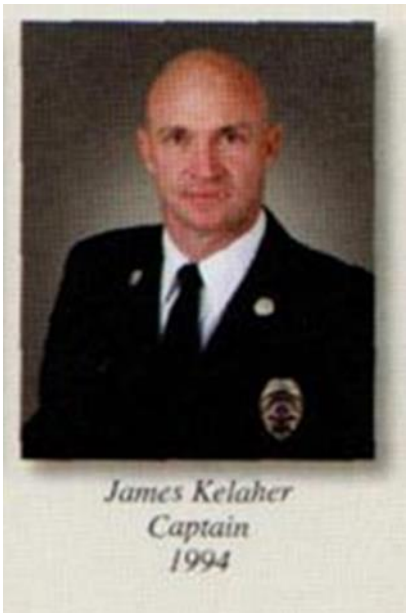
FROM: Thomas Paul
Battalion Chief
BN II A

SUBJECT: Award of Merit for Bob Denst

I am nominating Bob Denst for and Award of Merit for his outstanding performance in developing a patient transfer form. Bob felt there could be improvements in the current patient transfer form and asked for permission to creat a new one. Bob and his wife worked about 30 to 40 hours creating the new form all free of charge in effort to make everyones job easier. Bob solicited input form many members and compiled the information to be placed on the form. Bob's commitment to making this job a little easier for everyone should be recognized. Thanks for the consideration.

2005 Chris Kelaher

James C. Kelaher
Paramedic
8/29/94



James Kelaher
Captain
1994

Fire Chief's Award
Captain Paul McDonough

Fire Fighter of the Year
Firefighter Jennifer LaCoss

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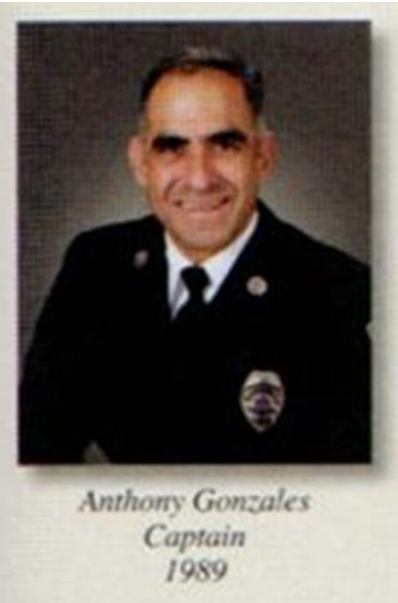
2006 Tony Gonzales

Tony O. Gonzales
Engineer
9/18/89



Anthony Gonzales
Captain
1989

Award of Service

MEMORANDUM

DATE: December 22, 2006

TO: Dave Ridings
Assistant Chief
FHQ

FROM: Thomas Paul
Batttalion Chief
BN II A

SUBJECT: Award of service for Tony Gonzales

I would like to nominate Tony Gonzales for and award of service. Tony consistantly provides above and beyond the expectation. In the last two tours alone Tony has collected blankets to give to the homeless.shopped for toys to be delivered at Christmas to children in the hospital, and was involved with other station 5 personnel pitching in and finding a used electric wheelchair for one member of the community who was unable to purchase one for himself. Tony has been involved in many fund raisers and is the first to volunteer for community service. Tony is also invovled in the departments professional development, he has had council members over for lunch as well as other professionals the department interacts with. Tony was also involved with Dr. Peates office in helping Nogales fire dept. set up a fitness program. The list keeps growing… it is for these reasons that I am submitting Tony's name for recognition. Thanks for the consideration.

2006 Tony Gonzales

Award of Service

Tony Gonzales

Captain Tony Gonzales consistently provides a service to the community above and beyond requirements or expectations. In December 2006 alone, Tony collected blankets to give to the homeless, shopped for Christmas toys for children in hospitals, and was instrumental with other Station 5 personnel in obtaining an electric wheelchair for a citizen who was unable to purchase one for himself.

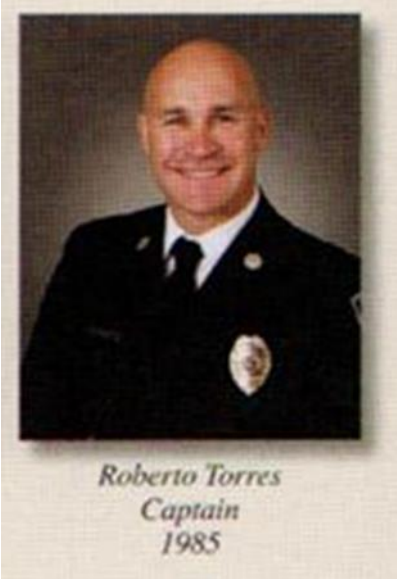
Captain Gonzales has been involved in numerous fundraisers throughout his fire department career, and is always the first to volunteer. He continually promotes the Department's professional image and goodwill, by inviting City Council members and other City government personnel to the fire station for lunches and informal get-togethers. Tony was also involved with the City physician, Dr. Peate, in helping the Nogales Fire Department establish a fitness program.

Year after year, Captain Gonzales continues to be a devoted contributor to Tucson Fire Fighter Association-sponsored events and activities. If there is a family in need, Tony is probably already trying to render assistance. His sole interest in these endeavors is to get directly involved and have a positive effect on people's lives. He represents the Department to the highest possible standard.

For his selfless consideration for the citizens of the Tucson community, along with his continued professionalism and adherence to the highest tenets of public service, it gives me great pleasure to present Captain Tony Gonzales with the Tucson Fire Department's Award of Service.

2006 Roberto Torres

Roberto A. Torres
Captain
7/22/85



Roberto Torres
Captain
1985

Award of Service

MEMORANDUM

DATE: November 8, 2006

TO: Dave Ridings
Assitant Chief
Fire Headquarters

FROM: Todd Pearson
Deputy Chief
EMS Section

SUBJECT: Honorary Awards of Recognition for Captain Roberto Torres, Norma Battaglia, and Dr. Valenzuela

The EMS section of the Tucson Fire Department has spent the last two years developing an off-line method medical control. The difficulty, impact, and magnitude of this endeavor required considerable time and energy. This effort went well above and beyond their normally assigned duties. The research alone took more than 1 year to complete and will need to be constantly re-evaluated for its validity. The implementation of the Tucson Fire Department's Administrative Orders has had a profound impact on our patient care and has provided the means to effectively manage our response resources. The Department has benefited through better resource management and the community has benefited through increased availability of Advanced Life Support units.

Therefore, I would like to nominate Captain Roberto Torres, Norma Battaglia, and Dr. Terry Valenzuela for an award of merit, to recognize their hard work and dedication to the Emergency Medical Services of the Tucson Fire Department and the Tucson Community. This accomplishment will have a lasting impact for years to come.

2006 Todd Pearson

Todd Pearson
Fire Battalion Chief
12/14/81

2006 Award Recipients

Fire Chief's Award
Deputy Chief Daniel Uthe

Fire Fighter of the Year
Captain Daniel Burke

Edwin L. Neville, III Award
Assistant Chief David Ridings

Medal of Merit
Captain Kyle Hansen
Captain Dianne Wygal-Springer
Paramedic Scott McKinney

Award of Merit
Paramedic Matthew Morgan
Engineer Jason West
Captain Bill Bathe
Captain Tim Clayton
Captain Michael Fischback
Battalion Chief Michael McKendrick
Equipment Maintenance Superintendent Jerry Drake

Award of Service
Captain Robert Denst
Captain Tony Gonzales
Captain Roberto Torres
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Ms. Norma Battaglia
Dr. Terry Valenzuela

Unit Citations
EN03 & PM03
Captain Michael Walls
Engineer John North
Firefighter Jesse Brower
Firefighter John Bieg
Paramedic Thomas Carpenter
Paramedic Mitzi Sloan

MEMORANDUM

DATE: December 31, 2006

TO: Patrick Quinn
Deputy Chief
Community Safety

FROM: Sharon McDonough
Battalion Chief
Battalion 3"B"

SUBJECT: Awards Nominations

Edwin L. Neville III Award: Assistant Chief Dave Ridings, Battalion Chief Todd Pearson and Captain Roberto Torres

Our Department has shown much change in the EMS arena over the past year. We have moved to a single point medical control with administrative orders and have begun to take more control of the EMS services we offer. Having the vision, formulating a plan and carrying out the networking, research and general legwork necessary to make these critical changes is commendable. It allows TFD to remain recognized as a progressive Fire Department. It also sends a message to the hard working crews in the field, that Administration is aggressively working to improve and enable their ability as individuals to perform their jobs. This type of initiative, progressive, visionary thinking and hard work is just the kind of work Chief Neville stood for and admired.

2006 Norma Battaglia

Award of Service

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Chief & Norma Battaglia, Terry Valenzuela

2006 Dr. Terry Valenzuela

Award of Service

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Chief & Norma Battaglia, Terry Valenzuela

2007 Norma Battaglia

Chief Ridings presenter to:

Ms. Norma Battaglia – Award of Service

With a background in community health care services, Norma recognized a serious need in our community to assist senior citizens get appropriate health care. Because of her extensive network of contacts and passion for community nursing she immediately volunteered her expertise and effort. She met with numerous agencies providing health and social services to our community to develop a web-based referral system that has become the Human Services Referral Program for the Tucson Fire Department. The Human Services Referral Program is meeting the need to help our senior citizens connect with these agencies to receive the appropriate services and level of care they require. For her compassion and devotion to help vulnerable patients in our community, I am proud to award Norma Battaglia with the 2007 Award of Service.

Chief & Norma Battaglia, Terry Valenzuela

From 2007

2007 Polly Elson

Polly Y. Elson
Injury Prevention
7/31/95

Ogden

Polly Elson – Award of Service

Clinton Gerber – Award of Service

Tina Tarin – Award of Service

Inspector David Greenleaf – Award of Service

Adrianna Tovar - Award of Service

Our Community Services Section have distinguished themselves individually and as a team in the areas of public education and injury prevention for the Tucson Fire Department this past year. They have developed and implemented programs throughout the community to include the Children's Museum, the University Medical Center "Cheer for the Children" Pediatric Cancer Unit, TUSD, and were l in developing the foundation for the BRIDGE program.

Their innovation and expertise have significantly enhanced the professional credibility of Community Services through advertising campaigns, an upgraded internet presence and state level representation on the Arizona Fire and Burn Educators Association. For their tireless efforts to make Tucson a safer place for our kids… I am honored to present to them the 2007 Award of Service.

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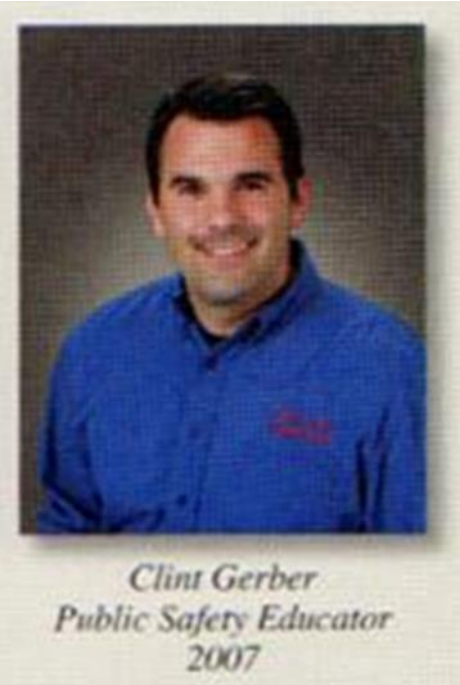
2007 Clinton Gerber



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Ms. Tina Tarin, Ms. Adriana Tovar

Ms. Ann Moser

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Captain Brett Welander

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Captain Andy Trujillo

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Chief Ogden presenter to:

Paul Mickelberg – Award of Service

The managing partner of Welman, Sperides and Mickelberg Architects, Paul has been the principle architect on five major construction projects for the Tucson Fire Department, including: fire stations 20, 21, and 22 and our Fire Maintenance/ Supply facility. He is currently the principle architect on the most challenging and exciting project in Tucson Fire's history, the construction of Fire Central. His unparalleled dedication to excellence and commitment to provide a facility meeting the highest standards for quality, while always maintaining the needs of the Tucson Fire Department as a primary concern are worthy of our admiration and the Department's recognition. For his personal attention to detail and hands-on leadership through every phase of construction I am proud to present the Tucson Fire Department Award of Service to Paul Mickelberg.

2007 Ann Moser

Ann Moser – Award of Service

An outstanding employee and a valued member of our Information Technology section, Ann goes beyond just the 'request' to find the solution that best fits the organization. The Deputy Director of City IT put it best; "Ann has been a driving force behind a number of technical solutions to challenging system administration issues over the past year, not only for Tucson Fire but also City Fleet Services." She was responsible for acquiring and implementing several tools that immediately enhanced and improved the department's information processes. These tools will be necessary for future analysis to place new fire stations, monitor fleet maintenance requirements, track vehicle locations, and provide real-time hydrant status. Ann also produced new Operations Calendar program.

She is a very competent and productive Department representative on several key organizational committees.

Ann brings her calm, friendly attitude and great organizational skills to every project and assignment. For her dedication and professional performance I am proud to present the Tucson Fire Department Award of Service to Ann Moser.

2007 Cam Welander

Chief Bates presenter to:

Firefighter Cam Welander – Award of Service

Cam Welander's consistent positive attitude, unequaled work ethic, professional appearance, competence, initiative, and proven performance provide an example for every member of the Tucson Fire Department. His optimistic, encouraging slant to situations and his initiative often has him doing a task before anyone else has recognized the need. Indicative of his character is a dedication to excellence and desire for quality outcomes in every assigned task. For his perseverance and commitment and being a generally all around good guy, I am proud to present to Firefighter Cam Welander the 2007 Award of Service.

2007 Thomas Quesnel

Chief Ray Allen presenter to:

Investigator Thomas Quesnel – Award of Service

As a fire investigator for the Tucson Fire Department, Tom Quesnel has a big responsibility to the community to determine the origin and cause of every fire he works. The evidence he uncovers in some cases could bring an arsonist to justice.

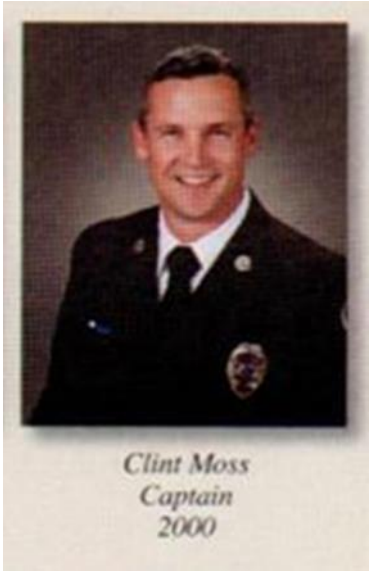
Tom gets a lot of help from a partner. His partner and friend is Keda, the accelerant detecting canine. This partnership comes with a price and a sacrifice that Tom has been willing to make for more than nine years of his career. He is the only individual in the country certified as a handler by both the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms and the State Farm Insurance Company canine programs.

Keda requires ongoing training day in and day out to maintain the certification required to provide evidence the judicial system will recognize in cases of possible arson. The benefit to fire investigation has been immeasurable and has significantly increased the efficiency and effectiveness of the unit while increasing the probability of detection and prosecution of the arsonist.

The benefit to our community has been significant as well because Tom and Keda are one of our best public relations tools - representing us with area organizations and at numerous functions promoting public safety.

For his commitment and personal sacrifices to provide this valuable resource for public education and fire investigation in our community, I am proud to present the:
2007 Tucson Fire Department Award of Service to Investigator Tom Quesnel.

2007 Clinton Moss



Clint Moss
Captain
2000

Chief McKendrick presenter to:

Captain Clint Moss – Award of Service

An individual with the initiative and drive to excel on this department is always an intangible you never know until that individual has proven how valuable they are over time. From the moment he launched out, as a firefighter Clint has been that rare individual. Graduating from the recruit academy as "Superboot", he has left most in his dust by taking on numerous projects to make the department better. Initiatives like the leather turnout boots for firefighters, teaching numerous classes for The Pima Community College Fire Academy, becoming the "face" of Tucson Fire addressing public safety issues on the Channel 12, On Scene program and serving on committees to improve Captain Certification and the Discipline Matrix program. But this is only part of the package, Clint is the first one to volunteer to help with the Chili Cookoff, putting together food boxes at Thanksgiving, and being there when a community need arises.
For his tireless effort and commitment to his community and this department I am proud to present the 2007 Tucson Fire Department Award of Service to Captain Clint Moss.

2007 Andy Trujillo

Andy Trujillo
Captain
12/14/81

Andy Trujillo
Captain
1981

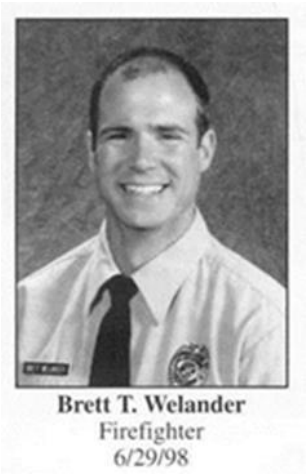
Chief McKendrick presenter to:

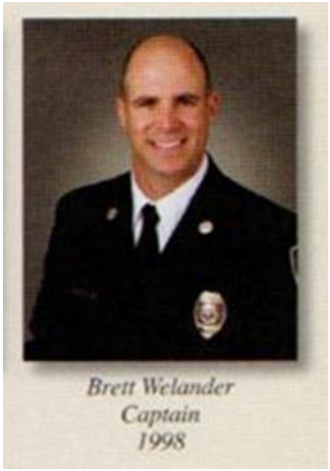
Andy Trujillo – Award of Service

A soft-spoken guy with an easygoing demeanor, you might not pick him out as the Type A personality in a crowd of people. Don't let that fool you; Andy is far from a spectator. A long time Captain on this job, he has dedicated his career to looking out for others serving as a Union representative for the majority of his career. He took the initiative to start a mentoring program that would pair a new union member with an established member teaching that new member about the programs and initiatives the union accomplishes in our community -- for only one reason -- to get people involved helping other people who need our help in this community. For almost an entire career, he has been a major contributor to the success of the Sav-A-Life program providing CPR training for the citizens of Tucson since 1983. An outstanding member of the Tucson Fire Department Honor Guard, he traveled to Washington D.C. to represent our department in honor of the fallen firefighters of 9-11. When he gets involved it's for keeps. For his enduring commitment and sacrifices to our community, I am proud to present the 2007 Tucson Fire Department Award of Service to Captain Andy Trujillo.

Mayor, Newburn, Andy Trujillo

2007 Brett Welander





Chief Bates presenter to:

Captain Brett Welander – Award of Service

As a Peer Fitness Trainer, Brett Welander has played a major role in the development of a firefighter health, wellness and fitness programs. Brett has taken the lead position in the department Peer Fitness Training program. He helped develop a screening program that identifies and targets areas where individuals are prone to injury and as well as fitness programs to help them prevent those injuries. An active participant in the recruit physical training program, he assists in their conditioning program, both prior to and during the Training Academy. He tracks continuing education hours for the 21 Department Peer Fitness Trainers. He has helped with the development of Peer Fitness Training workout modules available to all personnel to assist them in maintaining the physical fitness required at emergency scenes. For his dedication, untiring efforts and concern for the health of all department members, I am proud to present Captain Welander with the 2007 Award of Service.

Brett Welander, Ron Summers, Quesnel, Dan Uthe

Mayor, Newburn, B. Welander

2008 Diane Benson

Chief Mike McKendrick presenter to:

Diane Benson

Captain Benson has been very active in promoting physical fitness and is considered by others involved in the Peer Fitness Program as a leader in this area. Captain Benson is one of Tucson Fire's four original Peer Fitness Trainers and was instrumental in getting the program off the ground. Captain Benson has assisted with the development of the program and continues to play a key role with her efforts. She was responsible for coordinating the Functional Movement Screening that all Operations personnel were involved with several years ago. This screening has now become part of the medical evaluation process for incoming firefighter recruits. Captain Benson has also coordinated the recruit physical fitness program at the academy for the past several years and has assisted with the recruit firefighter's physical training as a Peer Fitness Trainer.

In addition to her work with the Peer Fitness Program, Captain Benson has also co-managed the Tucson Fire Department's Cadet Program for the past several years. During this time she has done a great job in serving as a role model and mentor to the young men and women. If that wasn't enough to make you tired, Captain Benson represents Tucson Fire in the highest regard as a member of the Tucson Fire Honor Guard at events like this one today. I am honored to present her with the 2008 Award of Service.

2008 Don Chantengco

Chief Randy Ogden presenter to:

Don Chantengco
Roger Thompson
Kenny Ramsden

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Kenneth W. Ramsden
Captain
7/22/85

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1985

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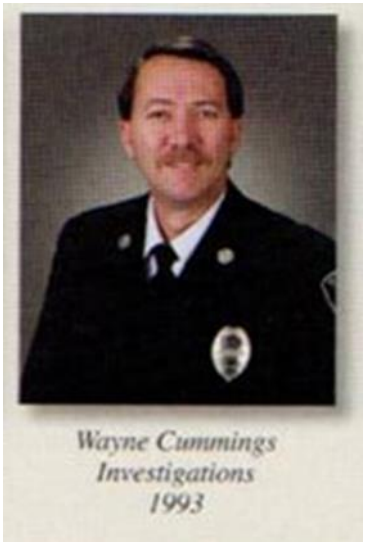
Wayne D. Cummings
Fire Inspector
8/30/93



Wayne Cummings
Investigations
1993

April 6, 2009

Chief Dave Ridings presenter to:

Glenn Fleck
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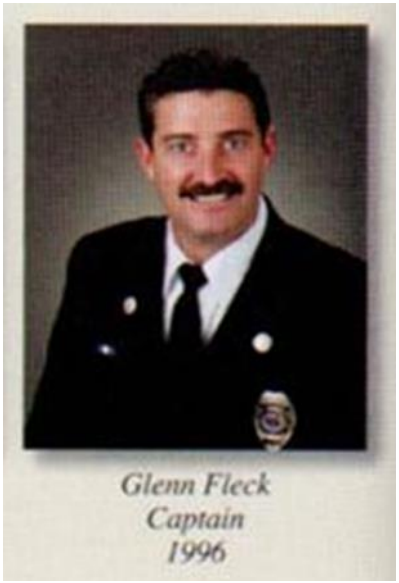
Glenn A. Fleck
Firefighter
11/18/96



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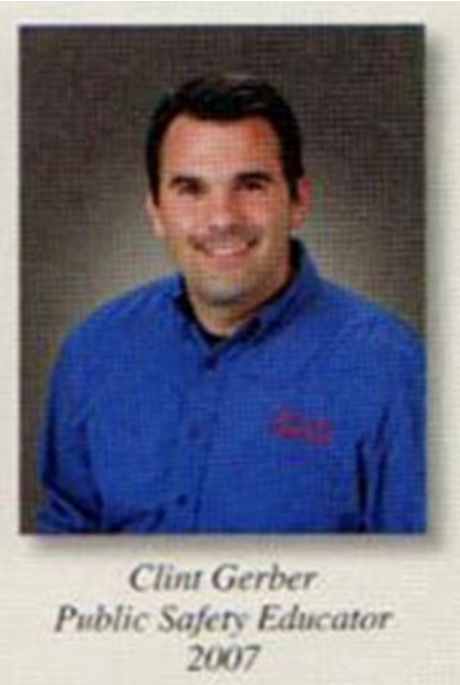

Chief Randy Ogden presenter to:

Clinton Gerber

As a Public Safety Educator, Clint coordinates public service programs while representing the Department on various education committees. His work completing educational programs, life safety curriculum, and effectiveness studies have brought the Department's public outreach to a new level of professional quality in our community. Because of his efforts, more doors have opened. Our newly packaged programs and messages are reaching more community members than ever. Clint's exceptional efforts are ensuring we are doing so with efficiency and effectiveness. The Department's "Circle of Life" programs were developed and implemented with this same philosophy and standard of excellence. Much of Clinton's success can be attributed to his passion for keeping the community safe, and committed to proactive solutions to reduce injury through educational efforts. His team building qualities with co-workers, firefighters, fire officers, and professionals throughout the community have made him uniquely valuable to the Department's mission and organizational efforts. I am proud to present him with the 2008 Award of Service.

2008 Mike Jones

Michael E. Jones
Captain
9/18/89

Michael Jones
Captain
1989

Chief Randy Ogden presenter to:

Mike Jones

Captain Jones has been the Department "go to" hazmat expert for more than 15 years with an easy-going demeanor and nonconfrontational style that gets the job done. With his experience and wealth of knowledge as the Spill Control Project Coordinator under the City of Tucson Hazard Communication Standard, he coordinates cleanup of city-generated spills and assures proper notifications are performed to meet the various environmental regulations. Not surprisingly, almost everyone, inspectors and supervisors both seek his advise on environmental spill issues and how to meet the myriad of codes and federal regulations. First as a hazwaste technician, then later as the supervisor of the program, he has been a leader within the City for compliance with fire prevention, environmental, and safety regulations concerning the hazardous waste program. Over time he has helped the City change from having numerous large quantity generators of hazardous waste to only having two small quantity generators for all the divisions in city government. In addition Mike teaches the spill management classes to most City employees as well as all new Department recruit classes.

He has consistently demonstrated his commitment to excellence with superior results on a number of important committees such as the Davis-Monthan Alternative Energy Task Force and the Environmental Management Program Governing Board for the City of Tucson. As a member of the Suntran Environmental Committee he was instrumental in helping Suntran become the first transit system in the U.S. to be certified by the International Standards Organization, 14001 Environmental Standard. As the Department liaison for City Facilities he has helped to ensure fire code issues identified during MAITS inspections are addressed and corrected in more than 100 different facilities. He has coordinated the wastewater sampling and reporting for 23 wastewater permits at the various fire stations while also doing the same for the Public Service Academy's Aquifer Protection Permit. It makes me tired just reading the things he does. But in all seriousness, Mike has been an exemplary member of this Department his entire career and it gives me great pleasure in presenting him with the 2008 Award of Service.

2008 Iris Celaya

Chief Jim Critchley presenter to:

Iris Celaya

Ms. Celaya has been providing extensive support to our payroll department for the past 6 months assisting our Senior Account Clerk.

Throughout the past year she has performed her primary duties and responsibilities in an exceptional manner while also filling in with our payroll department. Her performance has been outstanding. She has provided payroll support to maintain the time sheets and process biweekly payroll, verify the accuracy of time sheets, check documentation, enter information onto employee time cards, monitor vacation and leave time, sort and distribute checks, conduct research, and resolve problems.

Her dedication to this department and the City of Tucson is unsurpassed. Her can do attitude and customer service skills are superlative and I am pleased to present her with the 2008 Award of Service.

2008 Ed Nied

Chief Ed Nied

Chief Jim Critchley presenter to:

Ed Nied

Ed assumed the duties of the Tucson Fire Department Health and Safety Officer in January 2006. Since then, his initiative and drive has helped to grow the department's safety program well beyond my expectations. Ed's efforts have greatly improved the working environment for all department members, both uniform and non-uniform. Ed's influence is felt well beyond the local level and have directly benefited nearly every department in southern Arizona. Ed's efforts have attracted State and National attention as he is currently the Vice-Chair of the Arizona Fire Chiefs' Safety Committee and a member of the International Association of Fire Chiefs' Safety Committee, and he is scheduled to present at two national fire service conventions on MRSA and infectious disease. He also chairs a sub-committee of the Arizona Fire Chiefs Association that is developing professional qualifications for fire officers.

In the true spirit of leaving no good deed unpunished, last year Ed was assigned to work within the Training Division as part of a department-wide reorganization. So in addition to his health and safety duties, Ed now also administers the department continuing education programs, special operations training programs, and research and development.

In the mean time, Ed earned his Masters Degree in Fire Service Management through ASU, and is now in his second year of the National Fire Academy's Executive Fire Officer Program.

Ed has embraced his responsibilities with professionalism and passion. He truly understands that health and safety is both an organizational and an individual commitment. He has worked hard to engage both policy to affect the organization as well as culture to affect the individual member. I am pleased to present him with the 2008 Award of Service.

2008 Greg Chmara

April 6, 2009

Chief Dave Ridings presenter to:

Greg Chmara
Darin Wallentine

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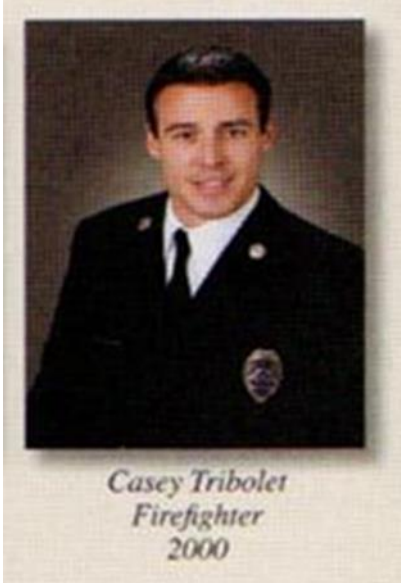

2008 Award Recipients

Fire Chief's Award
TBD

Fire Fighter of the Year
Captain James Kearney

Edwin L. Neville, III Award
Captain Ray Sayre

Medal of Valor
Firefighter Pete December
Firefighter Brendan Nostrant

Medal of Merit
Firefighter Jared Brown
Firefighter Adrian Fernandez

Award of Merit
Ms. Adrienne Holland
Inspector Bobby Merritt
Ms. Della Swann
TPD Detective Sean Garand
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Ms. Candi Loya
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Captain John Gulotta
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Citizens Award
Ali Halstead Kern

TFFA Award
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Darin D. Wallentine
Paramedic
11/18/96

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2008 Rich Gebben

Chief Mike McKendrick presenter to:

Rich Gebben
Brian Fitzgerald

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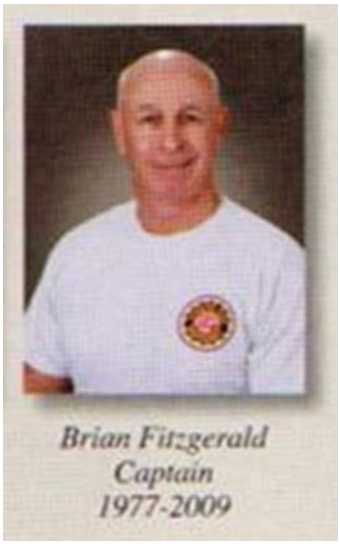
2008 Brian Fitzgerald



Chief Mike McKendrick presenter to:

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2008 John Gulotta

Chief Jim Critchley presenter to:

John Gulotta

John has been a Medical Training Captain for just over a year. During this time he has accomplished many significant milestones with ongoing projects and initiated programs to improve training for Fire Department personnel that have also provided a benefit to our budget in these tough fiscal times.

John spearheaded an effort to revamp the paramedic continuing education program for the Department. He negotiated with Pima College to fund a grant and then prepared and submitted a proposal for a $10,000 grant to fund the purchase of books for Advanced Cardiac Life Support, Advanced Medical Life Support, Pediatric Emergencies for Prehospital Professionals, and Prehospital Trauma Life Support. This grant package also included a regular physician monitored skill lab conducted at the University of Arizona College of Medicine SimLab, a first for this Department. This skill lab ensures our paramedic personnel receive physician oversight on the advanced skills they provide during patient care so that we can ensure the quality of care remains outstanding.

John was also responsible for revising the Department's CPR delivery by setting up district training packets and equipment and then help implement the program through the District Management Teams. Because of his foresight and initiative he has reduced a trip out to the Public Service Academy for many Department personnel, resulting in nearly $20, 000 savings in fuel alone, as well as increased in-service coverage by units that would otherwise be out of their areas while receiving training.

John has forged a strong professional relationship with the Arizona Department of Health Services office here in Tucson. His numerous program revisions help to better track and assure TFD compliance with State law in the area of medical training. This relationship has paid large dividends for the Department to include a reduction in recertification documentation and tasking of Department personnel. I am extremely pleased to present him with the 2008 Award of Service.

2009 Rob Rodriguez

Rob
Rodriguez

Award of Service – Rodriguez, Hyatt, McDonough, Ramsden and the TFA Auxiliary
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2008 Carl Mare

Carl J. Maré
Captain
10/29/90

Carl Mare
Captain
1990

CAPTAIN
Carl Mare

Besides performing his duties as an Operations Emergency Medical Captain, in the highest professional manner, Carl has become involved in projects and activities that have ~~begun~~ continued to enhance the Department's operations in both the medical and, fire suppression fields.

Captain Mare has served as the committee chair for the ERLink Users Group and has been instrumental in the development and implementation of this project. Carl was tasked with establishing the ERLink Users Group by forming a committee of stakeholders from other City departments, the University Medical Center, the SmartWave equipment vendor and Department paramedics.

This program allows hospital emergency department personnel to observe, via video, the efforts of Tucson Fire paramedics as they treat patients, while enroute to the emergency rooms.

The Tucson Fire Department is the first fire department in the nation to explore the use of telemedicine as a means of enhancing prehospital patient care. Although this project has encountered its share of technical challenges, Carl has been committed to developing and maintaining positive working relationships with all parties.

Because of Carl's character and dedication, the success of this program is certain, and will enhance the emergency medical care delivered to the citizens of Tucson.

I am proud to present Capt. Carl Mare with the 2008 Award of Service.

2009 Richard Hyatt

Richard A. Hyatt III
Fire Battalion Chief
12/3/79

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Battalion Chief
1979

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Captain
5/7/90

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Captain
7/22/85

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1985

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Firefighter
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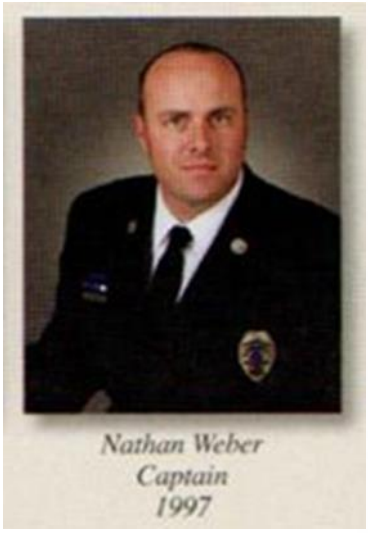

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Captain
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Captain
7/22/85

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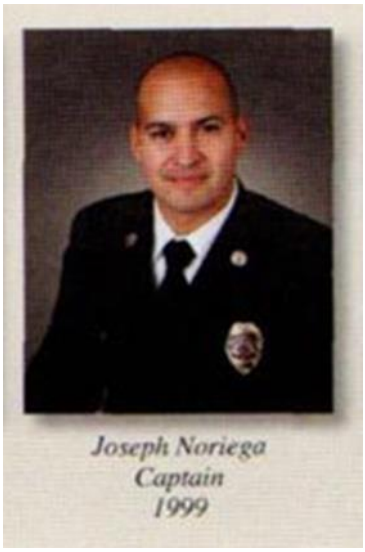
2009 B. J. Noriega

Joseph M. Noriega
Firefighter
7/6/99



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Engineer
5/7/90

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Jeffrey P. Shipley
Firefighter
7/6/99

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Engineer
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2009 Chris Cardinal

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Paramedic
2001

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Beto Vasquez
Paramedic
2004

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2009 Brian Anspach

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Award of Service - Jakoby, Redding, Hogan
Presenter: Chief Ridings

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2009 Mike Garcia

Michael T. Garcia
Paramedic
7/21/97

Mike Garcia
Captain
1997

Award of Service – Captain Mike Garcia
Presenter: Chief McKendrick

Captain Mike Garcia is currently serving as a member of the Captain's Certification Committee. As a member of this committee he participates in all aspects of curriculum development and training for our next generation of prospective company officers. He also recently completed a project re-designing the method of loading our 5" hose. That project is now being evaluated department wide and is getting very good reviews. Mike wrote the proposal with the associated manual revision, piloted the original project and participated in the creation of the video training module currently on COTEU. Mike is also involved with the Electronic Patient Care Reporting (EPCR) project participating in development and implementation of the system as well as participating as a member of the training group. Mike was also a member of the original panel which evaluated various proposals and selected the vendor for the project. Mike also works on the Map Force project attending various meetings, providing input, serving as a field training liaison and also participated in the pilot of the first round of the software implementation.

Captain Garcia is a great example of what we want our fire officers to be. He is involved in many projects that affect our day to day operations and he also spends much of his time involved in teaching and training our younger members as well as prospective paramedics.

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2009 Bob Denst

Robert M. Denst
Captain
7/22/85

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Award of Service – Captains Bob Denst and Ed Hackett

Presenter: Chief Ridings

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Paramedic
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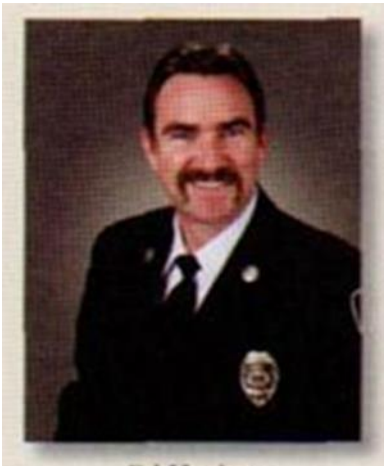

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Paramedic
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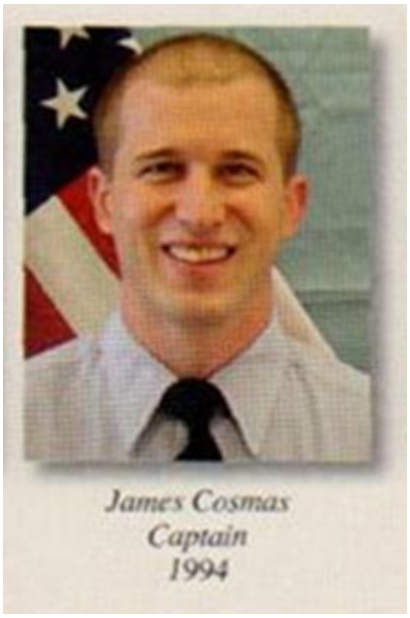

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Captain
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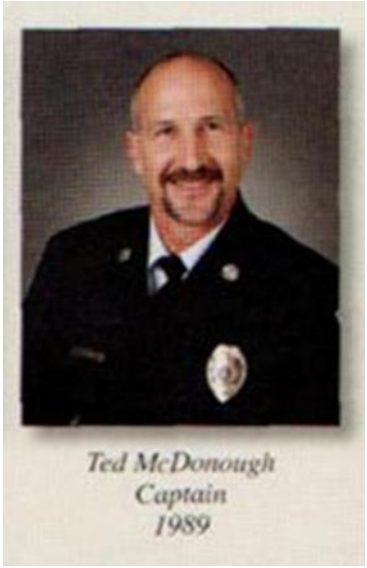
9/18/89



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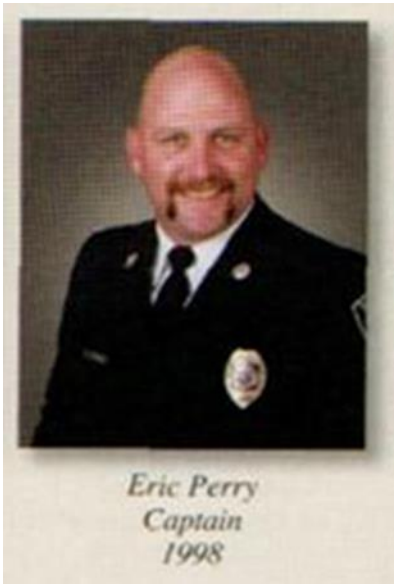

Eric Perry
Captain
1998

Award of Service – Captain Perry, Captain Aram, FF Roberson, Mr. J.W. Davis
Presenter: Chief Critchley

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Bruce A. Avram
Paramedic
8/30/93

Bruce Avram
Captain
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James W. Davis
TV Production Specialist
7/12/71

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2009 Joyce Carrasco (Dillon)

Joyce Carrasco
Firefighter
2001

Award of Service – Joyce Carrasco
Presenter: Chief Critchley

Firefighter Joyce Carrasco is one of those employees that is usually at the center of what is going on. If she is not heading a project, she is often on the committee.

Over the past year, Joyce has taken on the immense responsibility of bringing back the Tucson Fighters Calendar. She spent hundreds of hours of organizing and producing the calendar with an outstanding end product. The hours put in to produce this project were but a fraction of what she expended on her days off to complete this project. To date, Joyce has raised approximately $7,000.00 and has donated this money to three different charitable causes, which include the Make-A-Wish Foundation, the Last Alarm Foundation, and to help support a Casa Grande Chief who was battling Leukemia.

Firefighter Carrasco is also an asset to Fire Department as a Peer Fitness Trainer. She has spent numerous hours both on and off the job instructing Physical Training during Haz-Mat and TRT training as well as conducting pre-physical screening for firefighter's annual physicals.

Joyce has also volunteered at a Back to School Bash hosted by Council Member, Shirley Scott. This event brings kids of all ages together in the community for a welcome back to school breakfast, which is used to motivate young people about their education.

Firefighter Carrasco holds this department and the community in the highest regard and is always willing to step up to any challenge that may come her way. It is a pleasure to be able to present her the Tucson Fire Departments Award of Service.

2009 Iris Celaya

Award of Service – Iris Celaya
Presenter: Chief Ogden

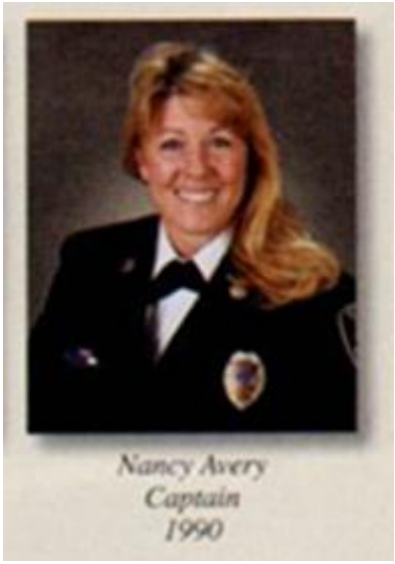
In an organization as large as the Tucson Fire Department, it is almost impossible to appreciate the dynamic and coordinated effort that take place behind the scenes, away from the big red trucks and fire stations. The every day fires and small emergencies that occur in the offices and reception areas of this organization are handled quietly and efficiently… often without bloodshed.

One of the people we all depend on to keep things moving so smoothly is Ms. Iris Celaya. In addition to her many responsibilities, Iris coordinates and maintains the Departments Request for Services. Based on her efforts, we have realized tremendous improvement in the area of customer service and request delivery. The Department receives large numbers of requests for services not requiring lights or sirens. The effort she continues to put forth on this project goes above and beyond her normal job requirements/duties. Her efforts in this area, as well as her efforts in general, have proven beneficial to the Department and the Community. Iris is the voice of the Tucson Fire Department to the citizens who call on the telephone.

Additionally, Iris represents the Department on several boards/committees. Some of her involvement includes Axes and Arms, Embers of Hope, and the Firefighters Auxiliary.

Because of the outstanding improvement resulting from her direct effort to the Departments Request for Services along with her involvement in numerous committees, Iris Celaya is presented the Tucson Fire Departments Award of Service.

2009 Nancy Avery



Award of Service – Nancy Avery
Presenter: Chief Ogden

Captain Nancy Avery acted on the need for critical building information to be made available to officers via the apparatus Mobile Data Terminals. This information would be extremely valuable to crews responding to buildings outside their first-in response areas.

During the first 3-1/2 months of 2009, Captain Nancy Avery was assigned to a light-duty position in the Fire Prevention Division while recovering from an on-duty injury. While in this assignment, Captain Avery initiated the Building Preplan Program, which allows pertinent building information to be gathered by both Operations and Fire Prevention personnel and then entered into the CAD system to be displayed on responding companies' MDTs. To date, over 700 occupancies have been added to the CAD system with data collected on 3,000 more buildings available for input.

While assigned to this project, Captain Avery worked with other light-duty personnel and through her leadership, placed value in their efforts making their work important. I know through speaking with some of those who worked with Captain Avery, there was a sense of project ownership and pride in what they accomplished working on the project.

Captain Avery's positive representation of Tucson Fire is not limited to on-duty activities. Nancy was very active in serving as a mentor and role model for 14 young women during the Tucson Fire Camp that was conducted last May. Captain Avery devoted three straight days including two nights working with these young ladies (all on her own time) exposing them to possible careers in the fire service. She represented Tucson Fire to these young ladies, both on a professional and personal level as a successful woman in the non-traditional role of the fire service. Nancy has always been an example and inspiration that everyone can succeed in any career path they choose.

It is my honor to be able to present the Tucson Fire Department Award of Service to Captain Nancy Avery.

2009 Mandy Hart

Award of Service – Mandy Hart
Presenter: Chief Ogden

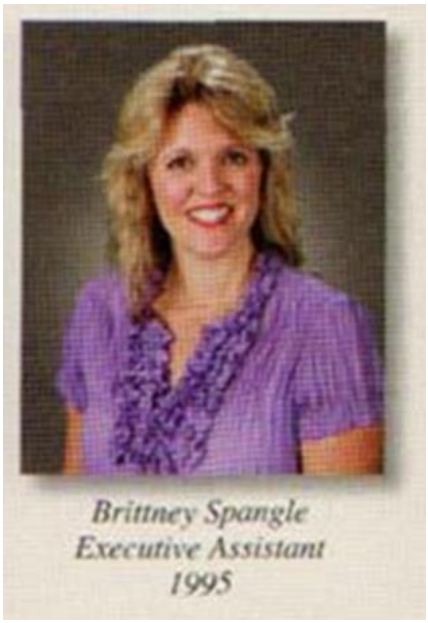
Public Safety Educator Mandy Hart is not a person to back away from a difficult task. She teaches thousands of kids fire and life safety each year. ... often armed only with a guitar!

To say the least, she does not scare easy. So when the task of developing a new format for the department's annual report presented itself, Mandy jumped in. She coordinated, designed, and completed the Departments Annual Report in the format of an educational calendar that highlighted safety messages and department statistics and operations with each new month. The new calendar/report was a huge hit. The effort she put forth on this project goes above and beyond her normal job requirements/duties. Her efforts regarding this special project have proven beneficial to the Department and the Community. She is always ready and anxious to take on a new challenge.

Because of the outstanding end product resulting from her direct effort, the Tucson Fire Department presents Public Safety Educator Mandy Hart with the Award of Service.

2009 Brittney Spangle

Brittney C. Spangle
Secretary I/II-Dept HD
8/14/95



Brittney Spangle
Executive Assistant
1995

Award of Service – Brittney Spangle
Presenter: Chief Kelly

I don't know how many of you can imagine the logistics and planning that it takes to move an office into a new building while conducting business in a seamless fashion.

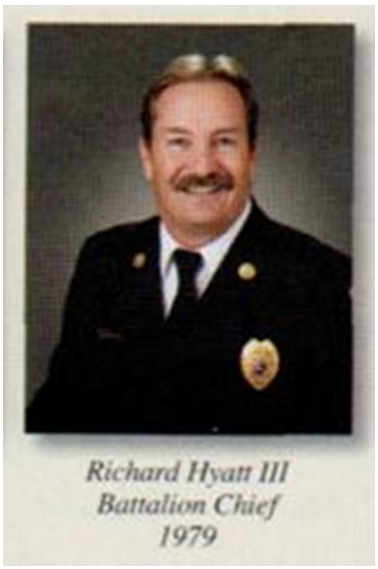
Add to that the image of trying to coordinate moving the administrative headquarters of a business, a multi-company fire station, the Fire Prevention Division, the Emergency Management Offices, and the Medical Division; all without missing a call or missing an inspection.

This is the task that was overseen and coordinated by the Fire Department's Executive Assistant, Brittney Spangle.

Brittney organized our move into our new Fire Central Complex with the efficiency and detail that the gem show gives when it comes to town. Without ever having taken on a task so daunting, she established the criteria of events that kept every one on task and on schedule. And as if by magic, the magic of hundreds of phone calls, delegations and orderly manipulations, we were all in our new building on the predetermined date of October 01.

It is with respect for a job well done that I present Ms. Brittney Spangle with the Tucson Fire Department's Award of Service.

2010 Richard Hyatt III



Award of Service – Battalion Chief Richard Hyatt
Presenter: **Paul McDonough**

Battalion Chief Rich Hyatt has been with the Tucson Fire Department over 31 years and is in his final year with TFD. At this point in his career, when many folks are winding down, Rich is still giving a tremendous effort to make the department better while continuing to set the example of what professionalism, leadership and commitment to excellence is all about.

Chief Hyatt has been the driving force behind many of Tucson Fire's innovative programs. Rich was instrumental in the development of TFD's technical rescue program through his involvement at the local and state level. Rich not only worked as a technical rescue instructor for the Arizona State Fire Marshal's Office, but he also represented Tucson Fire as a member of the statewide technical rescue training committee. Rich is responsible for much of the growth of our technical rescue program in terms of not only training and the procurement of equipment, but also the establishment of our SOPs. Rich has also been involved in many other department programs/projects including the development and implementation of the Paramedic Assessment Unit Program, the formation of the department's Discipline Review Board, being a founding member of Axes in Arms and Embers of Hope as well as serving on countless TFD committees.

Rich's most important work has come this past year as we continue to deal with budget shortfalls and the resulting associated issues. Rich could have easily taken a step back as he nears his retirement date with the attitude that soon, these issues will no longer affect him, but his dedication to the department has kept him extremely active in working towards solutions that best meets the needs of the citizens of Tucson, the City Manager and Mayor and Council, and the Tucson Fire Department and its members. Rich was the impetus behind the recently adopted "attrition only" plan that helped prevent layoffs and demotions while keeping our fire stations open.

It is my privilege to present Battalion Chief Rich Hyatt with the Tucson Fire Department Award of Service.

2010 Richard Hyatt III

Award of Service

Awarded for distinguished service
to the Department and the community.

Battalion Chief, Richard Hyatt III

"impact made in 31 years plus service to TFD—tremendous effort to make the Department better—continuing to set the example of leadership, professionalism, commitment to excellence—involved in innovative programs—development of technical rescue programs and training—responsible for much of the growth in training, procurement and establishment of SOPs— founding member Axes in Arms and Embers of Hope—development and implementation Paramedic Assessment Unit Program" Battalion IV Battalion Chief Ron Lopez

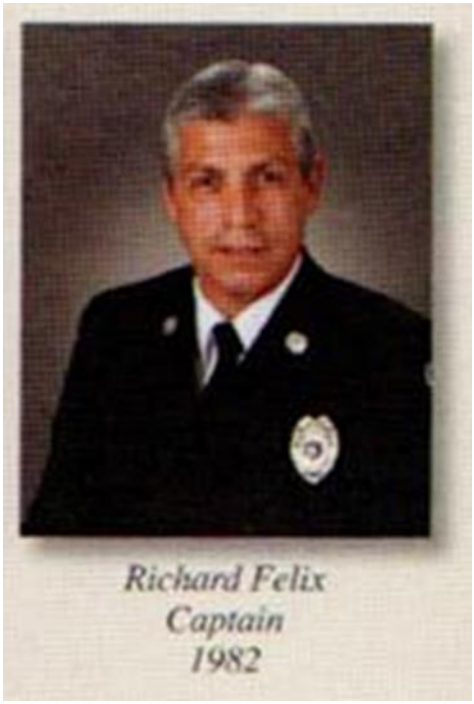
**"Don't do it to get credit,
do it because you want to."**

"key to IST/RRT response—meetings, equipment ordering, managing grant expenditures—grass roots and ground-up understanding of HazMat to effectively identify and manage this special operation—honest personnel engagements—commitment and respect for personal dignity and self worth—senior chief and mentor—the "Voice of Reason"—ability to objectively see issues from different perspectives—fair and balanced solutions, solutions that actively meet all needs—calm approach to problem solving—the best incident commander I have ever served with—two steps ahead—does it better than expected and anyone else I know—extensive knowledge of emergency operations—always delivers quality product in teaching-his position may be filled, but he will never be replaced" Battalion Chief Rob Rodriguez

Presented by:
Deputy Chief Paul McDonough

2011 Richard Felix

Richard W. Felix
Captain
6/28/82



Richard Felix
Captain
1982

Award of Service
EN18-B
Captain Richard Felix
Engineer Gabby Nunez
Paramedic Roger Wright
Paramedic Robert Bonillas

Public Education Team
Clinton Gerber
Mandy Hart
Cecelia Mendoza
Inspector Bobby Merritt

Fire Communications Core Team
Deputy Chief Sharon McDonough
Battalion Chief Michael Garcia
Captain Carl Mare'
Mr. Geoffrey Kuhn

Antique Apparatus Restoration Team

Captain Thomas Matthews

Inspector Thomas Knapp

Mr. Martin "Harvey" Brown

Ms. Adriana Tovar

2011 Gabby Nunez

Gabino G. Nunez
Firefighter
10/2/95

Gabby Nunez
Engineer
1995

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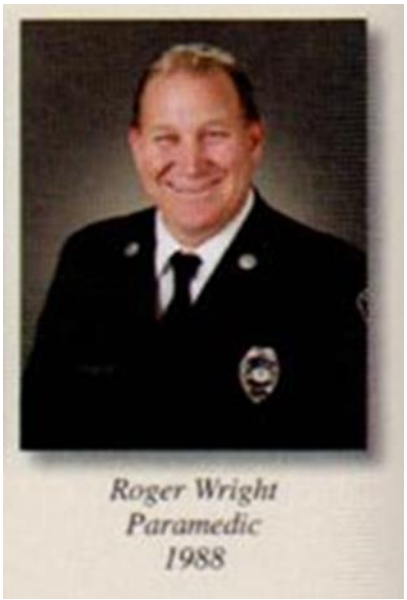
2011 Roger Wright

Roger P. Wright
Paramedic
7/5/88



Roger Wright
Paramedic
1988

2011 Award Recipients

Tucson Firefighters Local #479 Award
Roger Wright, Paramedic

Honorary Firefighter
Dr. Jeff Thomas

Medal of Merit
Michael Jones, Captain
Francisco Nuńez, 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
Joyce Carrasco, Firefighter

All awards except Unit Citations are presented at the Annual Awards Ceremony.
Unit Citations will be presented by the recipients' respective Chief Officer.

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Ms. Adriana Tovar

2011 Robert Bonilla

Robert Bonilla
Firefighter
2006

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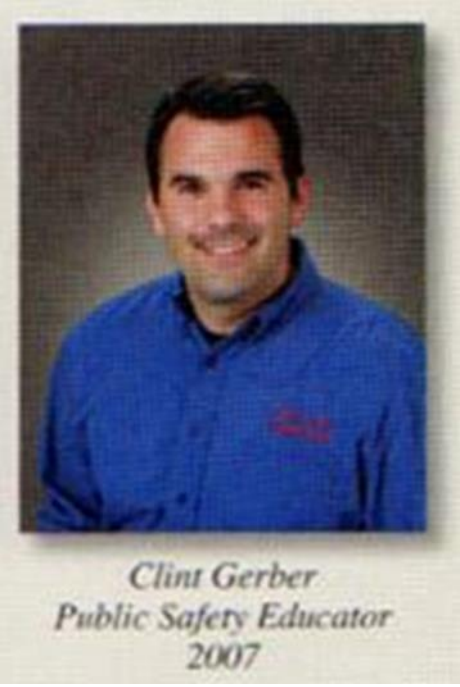
2011 Clinton Gerber



Clint Gerber
Public Safety Educator
2007

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Captain Thomas Matthews

Inspector Thomas Knapp

Mr. Martin "Harvey" Brown

Ms. Adriana Tovar

2011 Michael Garcia

Michael T. Garcia
Paramedic
7/21/97

Mike Garcia
Captain
1997

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EN18-B
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Mr. Martin "Harvey" Brown

Ms. Adriana Tovar

2011 Mandy Hart

Mandy Hart
Public Safety Educator
2008

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Inspector Thomas Knapp

Mr. Martin "Harvey" Brown

Ms. Adriana Tovar

2011 Cecelia Mendoza

Cecilia Mendoza
Public Safety Educator
2008

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Inspector Thomas Knapp

Mr. Martin "Harvey" Brown

Ms. Adriana Tovar

2011 Bobby Merritt

Bobby Merritt
Inspector
2004

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Captain Thomas Matthews

Inspector Thomas Knapp

Mr. Martin "Harvey" Brown

Ms. Adriana Tovar

2011 Sharon McDonough

Sharon A. McDonough
Captain
10/29/90

Sharon McDonough
Battalion Chief
1993

Award of Service
EN18-B
Captain Richard Felix
Engineer Gabby Nunez
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Captain Carl Mare'
Mr. Geoffrey Kuhn

Antique Apparatus Restoration Team

Captain Thomas Matthews

Inspector Thomas Knapp

Mr. Martin "Harvey" Brown

Ms. Adriana Tovar

2011 Carl Mare

Carl J. Maré
Captain
10/29/90

Carl Mare
Captain
1990

Award of Service
EN18-B
Captain Richard Felix
Engineer Gabby Nunez
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Mr. Geoffrey Kuhn

Antique Apparatus Restoration Team

Captain Thomas Matthews

Inspector Thomas Knapp

Mr. Martin "Harvey" Brown

Ms. Adriana Tovar

2011 Geoffrey Kuhn

Geoffrey Kuhn
Communications Superintendent
2011

Award of Service

EN18-B

Captain Richard Felix
Engineer Gabby Nunez
Paramedic Roger Wright
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Public Education Team

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Inspector Bobby Merritt

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Mr. Martin "Harvey" Brown

Ms. Adriana Tovar

2011 Antique Apparatus Restoration Team

Fox/ALF Restoration Crew

Updated: March 6, 2012

Originally called the – City of Tucson (Arizona) 1928 Ahrens Fox Volunteer Restoration Crew, they now are moving into the ALF arena. Therefore, for this site, they will be know as the FOX/ALF Restoration crew.

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EN18-B

Captain Richard Felix
Engineer Gabby Nunez
Paramedic Roger Wright
Paramedic Robert Bonillas

Public Education Team

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Mandy Hart
Cecelia Mendoza
Inspector Bobby Merritt

Fire Communications Core Team

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Mr. Geoffrey Kuhn

Antique Apparatus Restoration Team

Captain Thomas Matthews

Inspector Thomas Knapp

Mr. Martin "Harvey" Brown

Ms. Adriana Tovar

2011 Thomas Matthews

Thomas F. Matthew
Captain
8/29/94

Tom Matthew
Captain
1994

Award of Service

EN18-B

Captain Richard Felix
Engineer Gabby Nunez
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Public Education Team

Clinton Gerber
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Cecelia Mendoza
Inspector Bobby Merritt

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Mr. Geoffrey Kuhn

Antique Apparatus Restoration Team

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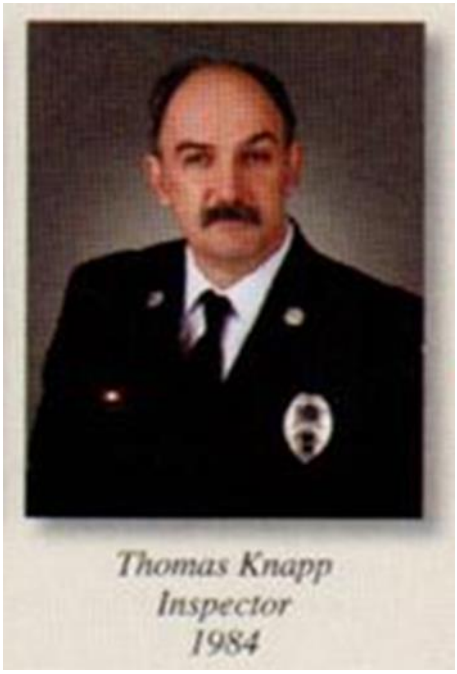
Inspector Thomas Knapp

Mr. Martin "Harvey" Brown

Ms. Adriana Tovar

2011 Thomas Knapp

Thomas H. Knapp
Firefighter
1/30/84



Thomas Knapp
Inspector
1984

Award of Service
EN18-B
Captain Richard Felix
Engineer Gabby Nunez
Paramedic Roger Wright
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Cecelia Mendoza
Inspector Bobby Merritt

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Mr. Geoffrey Kuhn

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Mr. Martin "Harvey" Brown

Ms. Adriana Tovar

2011 Martin "Harvey" Brown

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Inspector Thomas Knapp

Mr. Martin "Harvey" Brown

Ms. Adriana Tovar

2011 Adriana Tovar

Adriana Tovar
Secretary
2006

Award of Service

EN18-B

Captain Richard Felix
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Inspector Bobby Merritt

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Antique Apparatus Restoration Team

Captain Thomas Matthews

Inspector Thomas Knapp

Mr. Martin "Harvey" Brown

Ms. Adriana Tovar

2012 Tucson Fire Pip & Drum

Award of Service

Tucson Fire Pipe and Drum

Inspector Jimmy Davis, Jr.

Mr. Daniel Bostick

Captain Robert Lewis

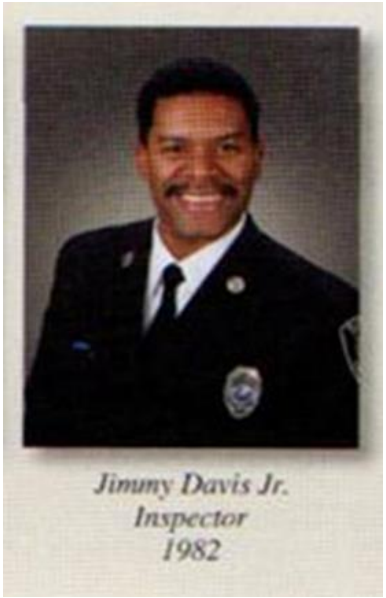
Captain Roberto Vasquez

Tucson Fire Department
April 23, 2013 ·

Award of Service, Tucson Fire Pipes and Drums represented by FF Larry Briggs and PM Lori Clark

2012 Jimmy Davis, Jr.

Jimmy R. Davis, Jr.
Fire Inspector
10/29/90



Jimmy Davis Jr.
Inspector
1982

Award of Service

Tucson Fire Pipe and Drum

Inspector Jimmy Davis, Jr.

Mr. Daniel Bostick

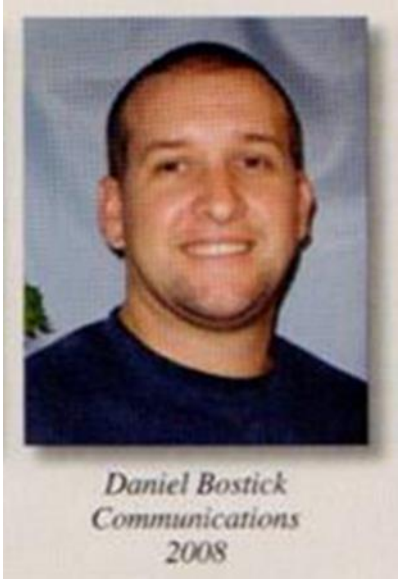
Captain Robert Lewis

Captain Roberto Vasquez

Tucson Fire Department
April 23, 2013 ·

Award of Service, Inspector Jimmy Davis, Jr.

2012 Daniel Bostick



Award of Service – Daniel Bostick

For nearly two years, Tucson Fire Communications has been engaged in a project to implement a new computer aided dispatch system, commonly referred to as CAD. The project required experts from multiple City departments, communication partners from other fire districts, the parent company Intergraph, and a number of related private agencies and vendors. Especially in the last 12 months, a significant amount of time and energy was spent in intensive training, testing, implementation, review, and modification of the new system.

From the beginning of the project, Lead Public Safety Dispatcher Daniel Bostick took it upon himself to learn the new system and assist in any way he could. He went through the train the trainer class and excelled. Once a trainer, Dan spent many of his off duty days conducting classes for his peers. These training classes were the first exposure to CAD for most of the Communication Staff, and proved an invaluable step in the learning process of a very complex enterprise.

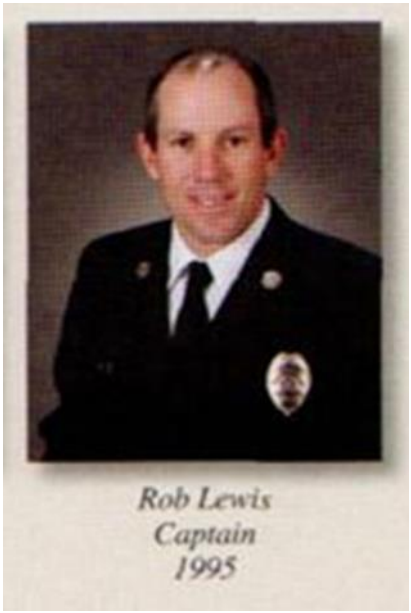
Mr. Bostick displayed such an elevated level of expertise and proficiency, that to further assist Fire Communications he was given access to Database Management within CAD. This highly skilled position enabled Dan to make changes to the system when problems are encountered. Because of the security requirements of the system, only a select few individuals on the City team are granted such authority.

Dan continues to offer his assistance with many additional duties beyond the CAD project. As one of a few that can be considered a CAD expert we will continue to need his services as we work to improve the system .

For his efforts far exceeding the normal requirements of his duties, Lead Dispatcher Daniel Bostick is presented with the Tucson Fire Department's Award of Service.

2012 Robert Lewis

Robert A. Lewis
Firefighter
10/2/95



Rob Lewis
Captain
1995

Award of Service

Tucson Fire Pipe and Drum

Inspector Jimmy Davis, Jr.

Mr. Daniel Bostick

Captain Robert Lewis

Captain Roberto Vasquez

Tucson Fire Department
April 23, 2013 ·

Award of Service, Captain Robert Lewis

2012 Roberto Vasquez

Beto Vasquez
Paramedic
2004

Award of Service

Tucson Fire Pipe and Drum

Inspector Jimmy Davis, Jr.

Mr. Daniel Bostick

Captain Robert Lewis

Captain Roberto Vasquez

Tucson Fire Department
April 23, 2013 ·

Award of Service, Captain Roberto Va

2013 Chad Dorris

Chad Dorris
Captain
2001

2013 Award Recipients

Award of Service

Chad Dorris, Captain

Scott Krause, Battalion Chief

Award of Merit

Mr. Al Ring

Mr. J. Fred Leahy

Mr. Pat Bearden

Mr. Randy Esslinger

Ms. Yvette Montijo

Tucson Firefighters Local #479 Award

Ms. Dori Wright

Medal of Merit

Thomas Quesnel, Fire Investigator

2013 Scott Krause

Scott E. Krause
Captain
6/28/82

Scott Krause
Battalion Chief
1982

2013 Award Recipients

Award of Service

Chad Dorris, Captain

Scott Krause, Battalion Chief

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Medal of Merit

Thomas Quesnel, Fire Investigator

2013 Award Recipients

Medal of Valor

Andrew Napier, Fire Fighter

Sean Palese, Fire Fighter

Edwin L. Neville, III Award

Michael Heinz, Captain

Fire Chief's Award

Barrett Baker, Captain

Non-Uniform Civilian Employee of the Year

Ken Brouillette

Fire Fighter of the Year

Wayne Cummings, Fire Investigator

April 8, 2016, 2015 Awards

Award of Service

Awarded for distinguished service to the Department and the community.

Examples: Coordinating a public service program between the Fire Department and the public. Officially representing the Fire Department, on boards or committees of civic organizations.

Recipient: Paramedic Evan Banard

Presenter:

Talking Points:

Paramedic Evan Barnard has been instrumental in the organization of the annual Embers of Hope Pike Challenge. This annual event has helped to raise tens of thousands of dollars. This past year Embers of Hope was able to provide $10,500 to families in the community as well as some of our own. We would not have been able to help so many families without the funds raised by the Pike Challenge. His role in raising so many funds for the program has made a difference in the lives of so many families.

2015 Evan Banard

April 8, 2016, 2015 Awards

2015 Captain Mike Bishop

April 8, 2016, 2015 Awards

Award of Service

Awarded for distinguished service to the Department and the community.

Examples: Designing and completing a special program that will benefit The Department and the Community.

Recipient: Captain Mike Bishop

Presenter:

Talking Points:

The Award of Service is given to someone that has designed or completed a special program that benefits the department and the community. Captain Mike Bishop has worked tirelessly in his efforts to reshape and modernize the Human Services Referral Program. The Human Services Referral Program services an ever growing population of at risk individuals seeking healthcare and other social services through the 911 system. It has become the responsibility as first responders to not only address their emergent needs but to expand and create an approach where we are able to assist these people. Captain Bishop has taken this issue on as a personal one, often going to visit patients on a one on one basis on his own time, while trying to get the system to work more efficiently. The Human Services Referral Program is a first step within the Tucson community to address the many needs of a complex population of individuals.

With the current push to adopt a model of community risk reduction and a reduced budget to work with, Captain Bishop's efforts to modernize the human services referral program will have huge impacts on the crews in the field and just as, if not more importantly, have a huge impact on those that are struggling in the medical system. Between personal visits, countless phone calls, and having the vision to put a team in place to make house calls to those in need, Captain Bishop has already made a huge difference to several people that at one time were looked at as "system abusers".

2015 Captain Mike Bishop

April 8, 2016, 2015 Awards

2015 Chief Patrick Quinn

April 8, 2016, 2015 Awards

Award of Service

Awarded for distinguished service to the Department and the community.

Examples: Designing and completing a special program that will benefit The Department and the Community.

Recipient: Chief Patrick Quinn

Presenter:

Talking Points:

The Award of Service is given to someone that has designed or completed a special program that benefits the department and the community. There is no doubt that his work over the ten years of coordinating the awards ceremony benefitted the department, and in turn the community. Chief Quinn organized the awards ceremony for close to 10 years and made it look easy. Coordinating and delivering the binders with nominations, sitting in on the meetings, making sure the plaques were ordered, and ensuring the service pins/awards were in stock and/or available were all things that had to be handled for a successful ceremony and he did or helped coordinate all of those.

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Awarded for distinguished service to the Department and the community. Examples: Coordinating a public service program between the Fire Department and the public. Officially representing the Fire Department on boards or committees of civic organizations. Designing and completing a special program that will benefit The Department and the Community.

Recipient: Captain David Dorame

Captain Dorame has worked for the Tucson Fire Department since June of 1991. He was nominated by his battalion chief for exceptional work leading and managing the upgrade of our Telestaff system. Telestaff is a software program used by the Department to efficiently staff our emergency response vehicles. Captain Dorame took ownership of the project by engaging workgroups on every little detail. He spent countless hours at meetings, conducting research and working from home to understand the system and make recommendations to system configuration. This process was years in the making, and he never missed a meeting. He has become the in house expert on the staffing needs of the Fire Department.

For these and many other reasons, Captain David Dorame is being presented with the Award of Service.

Award of Service

Recipient: Captain Paul Moore

Captain Moore has worked for the Tucson Fire Department since January of 2006 and was nominated for this award by his peers and his supervisor.

Captain Moore works in the logistics section of the Department. In this position, Paul spearheaded the transition of all medical supplies including paramedic medication to an internal process. Captain Moore led the Supply team in re-designing the warehouse layout to accommodate a more efficient process and implemented a warehouse inventory system.

These efforts have drastically reduced costs as well as improved efficiencies at our logistics warehouse. Because of his efforts, Captain Moore is being given this award.

Award of Service

Recipient: Paramedic Matthew Trujillo

Paramedic Trujillo has worked for the Tucson Fire Department since January 2008.

Paramedic Trujillo was nominated by a number of people for this award, including members of the community. Matthew represents the Tucson Fire Department to the public in a manner that promotes the professional image of the department. He has worked with Save-A-Life providing CPR and First Aid training in Tucson and surrounding communities. Matthew has taught over 43 CPR classes and on short notice, taught the majority of the Department in April. His character and demeanor while teaching these classes is outstanding! During Christmas, Matthew was instrumental in collecting toys, money, and other items for needy families at Liberty Middle School

Because of Paramedic Matthew Trujillo's commitment to serve the public and the Tucson Fire Department, he is presented today with the Award of Service.

Award of Service

Recipient: Mrs. Lynn Kastella

Mrs. Lynn Kastella is a member of the community who has been instrumental in supporting public safety through the Fire Department as a representative on the Fire Code Review Committee since 1999 as well as being a founding member of the Tucson Fire Fighter Memorial Committee. Lynn's dedication to the Tucson Fire Department and to the safety of the entire community is an example for all of us.

Mrs. Kastella is being presented this award because of her passion and dedication to public safety as well as her willingness to serve others

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Recipient: Children's Museum

Captain Dan Heffelfinger, Captain Roberto Vasquez, Captain Corey Dorman, Engineer Joseph Muñoz, FF David Brannen, FF Carlos Burruel, FF José Terrazas, and Public Safety Education Specialists – Cecilia Mendoza and Amaris Vasquez

The next Award of Service is being presented to a group of people who came together on a project for the Tucson Children's Museum.

The Tucson Children's Museum is a community treasure. For over 30 years it has been a gathering place for families to spend time learning and playing together. Tucson Fire has had a strong connection with the over 165,000 children that have walked through the museum's door each year. As one of the most memorable exhibits, countless kids have dressed like a firefighter, boarded the firetruck and slid down the fire pole. Not only does this highlight the value of our firefighters in the community, it also leaves quite an impression on a small child. This group came together and volunteered their time to restore and update the entire display.

This required a variety of different construction skills. This prop at the Children's Museum will educate young minds for many years to come. This team consisted of the following folks:

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Recipient: Camp Fury

Assistant Chief Laura Baker, Captain Jacki deHaro, Captain Vera Wuerfel, Paramedic Mimi Thomas, and Paramedic Lori Clark

Camp Fury gives high school girls the opportunity to experience non-traditional careers in public safety by imparting the important lessons about life, courage, and confidence. Originally founded in 2009, Camp Fury has touched the lives of nearly 180 young girls. In partnership with the Girl Scouts of Southern Arizona, Camp Fury has directly impacted the lives of young girls and women in our community every day. There are now fire camps across the United States that are modeled after Camp Fury including Phoenix, AZ, Yuma, AZ, Hampton, VA, and Charlotte, NC.

This group has been dedicated to teaching young people and that is why they are being presented today with the Award of Service.

Award of Service

Recipient: New Dispatch CPR Protocol

Captain Greg Hoffman, Captain Bruce Noble,
Captain Mike Rollman (NWFD), and Supervisor Christopher Hove

Over the past year members of our Communications Team researched and implemented improvements to our dispatch CPR protocol.
When someone calls 911 because a person has gone into cardiac arrest, every second counts. TFD dispatchers are trained to provide PCR instructions to a by stander over the telephone. Members who are receiving this award today were instrumental in initiating improvements to this program and can be credited with enhancing life-saving efforts for the entire Department. Dispatch assist CPR is one of the first links in the chain of survival. For their efforts the following people are being presented with this award of service.

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Captain Paul Moore — at Tucson Fire Department.

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Captain David Dorame — at Tucson Fire Department.

2017 Engineer Todd Davis, Paramedic Daniel Scott, Station 19 "C", Station 17 "C".

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Todd Davis

Award of Service #1

Recipient: Fire Engineer Todd Davis

Presenter: Assistant Chief Mike Garcia

Talking Points: Engineer Davis consistently displays a genuine interest in the continued success of the department. A true fire service professional who has shown unparalleled knowledge in both Engineer Training, Apparatus Specification Review and Radiological Monitoring and Hazardous Materials Meters.

Engineer Davis has been a member of the Engineer Certification committee for the last six years dedicating his off duty time to instruct and mentor others. He is a key member of the Apparatus Specification Review Committee – researching new technology and finding ways to better the quality and extend the life of apparatus.

Todd is a subject matter expert in the area of Haz-mat air monitors. He is an instructor for the TFD Haz-Mat team as well as the Pima County Regional teams and teaches members of all area fire departments.

Engineer Davis exemplifies the qualities and professionalism that we want on the Tucson Fire Department. He is deserving of the Tucson Fire Department Award of Service.

Award of Service #2

Recipient: Paramedic Daniel Scott
(Will not be able to attend)

Presenter: Assistant Chief Mike Garcia

Talking Points: Earlier this year, Paramedic Daniel Scott along with other members responded to a call from an Uber driver who had been transporting a young woman that was intoxicated and ended up vomiting all over the Uber driver's car. While on the call it was learned that the Uber driver could not get out of the car due to him needing his wheelchair. Knowing that the Uber driver would be unable to clean his car, Paramedic Scott took it upon himself to go the man's home the following morning and clean his car.

One note: Paramedic Scott called Fire Administration to ask why he was being given an award – that goes to show that he's just that kind of person. Because of his kindness and caring of the citizens of Tucson, Paramedic Scott is being presented with the Award of Service.

2017 Engineer Todd Davis, Paramedic Daniel Scott, Station 19 "C", Station 17 "C".

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Award of Service #3

Recipient: Station 19 "C" – Captain Jacki deHaro, Engineer Todd Fredricksen, Firefighter Ariel Hernandez, Firefighter Joy Sayre, and Paramedics Mike Murphy and Mike Carreon

Presenter: Assistant Chief Mike Garcia

Talking Points: Station 19 "C" shift is being nominated for the Award of Service for their outstanding effort during the recent "TFD Smoke Alarm Challenge." The goal for the department was the installation of 2,500 residential smoke alarms city wide during October coinciding with National Fire Prevention Month. The department met this goal totaling 2,541 alarm installations with Station 19 "C" being responsible for 562 alarms installed or about 22% of the department's overall total.

Station 19 is located in the Rita Ranch area and they have done a great job building a relationship with that community.

Because of their efforts during the challenge in additional to the alarms they continue to install on an ongoing basis they are being presented with the Award of Service.

Award of Service #4

Recipient: Station 17 "C" – Captain Ted McDonough, Engineer Dwight Jackson, Engineer Todd Fredricksen, Paramedic David Stefanovich, and FF John Makovic

Presenter: Assistant Chief Mike Garcia

Talking Points: On February 16, 2017, Engine 17 was dispatched to a cardiac/respiratory arrest for a 63 year old female and upon arrival, found an elderly woman who had passed away in her bed some time earlier. The patient was very large in stature so the crew determined the best way to remove the patient was through a bedroom window. The home was also filled with excessive clutter so other organizations were called in to assist. Prior to making patient contact, Engine 17's crew was greeted at the front porch by an elderly man, "Ray," who was the patient's husband of 40+ years. When the crew entered the home they found it to be packed wall to wall with debris, clutter, and various things.

Engine 17 assisted OME with the removal of the deceased wife. Code Enforcement personnel arrived on scene to address blocked exits.

Engine 17 provided exceptional customer service in three key ways. 1st was to assist the Office of the Medical Examiner in removing the decedent in a manner that preserved her dignity, 2nd was recognizing the hazardous living conditions that Ray would be living in and calling for appropriate resources to help, and the 3rd exceptional customer service was the off-duty work that the crew members of Engine 17 performed to assist Ray and his daughter, whom he had lost contact with for the past 15 years. Assistance included helping Ray clean his house, yard, and prepare for a huge yard sale, repairing and replace household items – toilets, water heater and electrical issues. Gift cards to Fry's to help Ray with groceries. An additional display of kindness – Engine 17 purchased a gift card to Ray's favorite restaurant so that Ray and his daughter could spend time together and reconnect following a 15 year hiatus.

Because of the extended service Engine 17 provided to Ray they are being presented with the Award of Service.

Last Award of Service presentation

2018 Battalion Chiefs James Kearney, Brian Stevens and Dan Heffelfinger

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Recipient(s): **Battalion Chiefs James Kearney, Brian Stevens and Dan Heffelfinger**

Presenter: Assistant Chief Mike Garcia

Talking Points: The Battalion Chiefs assigned to Battalion 1, James Kearney, Brian Stevens, and Dan Heffelfinger are being recognized for their diligent work within a very busy battalion. In addition to the work load that all other Battalion Chiefs have, they start each day with the daunting task of overseeing staffing for the department to assure all trucks have the proper personnel assigned for the shift. In addition to this work load, the TFD Hazardous Materials Response team and the Technical Rescue Response team are both located within area of responsibility. Their oversight of these special operations teams include but are not limited to assisting and directing training within the Tucson Fire teams as well as coordinating with the Southern Arizona Regional Teams, attending planning and coordinating meetings on and off duty and participating in grant writing and subsequent administration activities. Their dedication and commitment isn't just within Tucson and Pima County area, but over a larger region that spans across 3 other counties (Yuma, Santa Cruz and Cochise) Much of their time and commitment to these teams occur on their days off. Battalion Chiefs Kearney, Stevens, and Heffelfinger have demonstrated the leadership, and guidance as Subject Matter Experts to ensure the firefighters in their charge and throughout southern Arizona are well equipped and properly trained to safely protect our communities throughout the region.

Because of their dedication, hard work and selflessness, they are being presented with the Award of Service.

2018 Captain Brad DeCastro

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Award of Service

Recipient: Captain Brad DeCastro

Presenter: Assistant Chief Mike Garcia

Talking Points: Captain Decastro has been on the Tucson Fire Department since 2001. Captain DeCastro is being nominated for his performance in the production of a Suppression Level Palm Tree Rescue Training.

As a former training officer, Captain DeCastro has a very strong passion for training and educating the members of the Tucson Fire Department. Captain DeCastro has been instrumental in the development of this training program which started as a concept over a year ago and has developed into the State's only palm tree rescue program aimed at suppression level personnel.

The final product is something that all members of TFD can be proud of and will withstand the test of time for years to come. The training that was developed will become the standard for Tucson Fire and potentially the rescue community as a whole.

It is with great honor that we present Captain DeCastro with the Award of Service.

2018 Jennifer Peel-Davis, Inspector

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Recipient: Jennifer Peel-Davis, Inspector

Presenter: Assistant Chief Mike Garcia

Talking Points: Fire Inspector Jennifer Peel-Davis has been with the Tucson Fire Department since October of 2016. Inspector Peel-Davis has been a tremendous asset to the Fire Prevention Division and is assigned to the New Construction Unit.

Inspector Peel-Davis is the resident expert on fire alarm systems, performing all fire alarm plan reviews for New Construction. Inspector Peel-Davis is driven by her passion for the safety of all are Firefighters and citizens by doing her part to ensure commercial buildings in Tucson are up to code making them as safe as possible. Examples of this drive include her taking lead on working with property representatives to inspect and make corrections to fire alarm and suppression systems at facilities such as the Tucson Mall, Park Place Mall, and all Fry's food stores in Tucson.

Inspector Peel-Davis recognized the importance and need for additional training and education in the Fire Prevention Division. She took the initiative to use some of her professional contacts to bring a high level of training to the division to include classes from the National Fire Sprinkler Association two years in a row (only jurisdiction in the state to offer a class from the NFSA), as well as bringing the Minnesota Deputy Fire Marshal to Tucson to instruct a class on fire alarm and emergency situation awareness in schools.

Inspector Peel-Davis has also been instrumental in updating and improving the Tucson Fire Departments pre-plan review process of new and existing buildings, which is critical for responding crews when a building is on fire. This relates directly to the safety of our firefighters during fire operations when they have a better knowledge of the building they are going into. She has worked with several crews from Battalion 1 to assure the needs of the firefighters are met on all new construction projects in downtown Tucson. Inspector Peel-Davis also has been diligently working on responder radio coverage to assure that our crews can communicate while operating inside large buildings.

Inspector Peel-Davis is also driven to grow professionally and since her arrival at the Tucson Fire Department in 2016 she has obtained certifications of Fire Inspector II and International Code Council (ICC) certified Commercial Fire Alarm Plans Examiner 1.

It is with great honor that we present Inspector Jennifer Peel-Davis with the Award of Service.

2018 Engineer Ruben Robles

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Recipient: Engineer Ruben Robles

Presenter: Assistant Chief Mike Garcia

Talking Points: Engineer Ruben Robles has worked for the Tucson Fire Department since 2006. He is a leader in the technical rescue arena both locally and regionally

Engineer Robles was assigned to the Technical Rescue Team for more than 7 years as a firefighter; developing strong technical skills, knowledge and teaching abilities. Ruben became an integral part of the team and was considered a "subject matter expert" in all disciplines. In 2016, Ruben was promoted to the position of Engineer which sent him to an assignment away from the team. Despite this separation, Ruben continued to assist with the TRT program. He was the lead training instructor for Tucson Fire's 5-week TRT course being instrumental with every aspect from curriculum and content development, to coordination and instruction of one of the most well run and organized programs delivered to date. Ruben's contribution and dedication during this training led to the certification of 20 technicians

Ruben continues to assist with the training of our TRT program, staying actively involved in expanding course content, instructor development, and teaching several disciplines himself. Ruben strives to be the best at what he does and shares his knowledge and experience with others.

Engineer Robles cares deeply for this organization and wants everyone to succeed. His continued dedication, efforts, and commitment to the Department and the community makes him truly deserving of the Award of Service.

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Recipient(s): Station 9 "C" – Captain Bill Nielson, Engineer Slater Harper, FF Ivan Valencia, FF Anthony Wilborn, Captain Jason Rhyner, Engineer Wesley Snyder, FF Tyler Sauber, FF Adam Alexander, Paramedic Mike Martinez, Captain Keith Bourie, Paramedic Jeff Nadler, Paramedic Chris Clegg, Battalion Chief Ron Lopez, Captain Joe Fyffe

Presenter: Assistant Chief Mike Garcia

Talking Points: Station 9 "C" shift is being nominated for the Award of Service for going above and beyond in assisting a recent patient with his yardwork. On December 12, 2018, Engine 9 and PM 16 responded to a fall injury. Upon arrival the crews met a 96-year-old gentleman named Clarence who had fallen from a ladder while trimming trees in his yard. The man suffered a severe laceration to his head and was transported to the hospital.

While tending to the Clarence's injury the crew learned that he was a veteran of the US Navy who was at Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941. He was full of spirit and character. Wanting to show their respect and admiration for his service and realizing the yard work needing to be completed was more than Clarence could safely manage, the crews decided to return on their own another day finish the job. Taking their own time, tools, a trailer to haul off the debris allowed them to complete the task and more opportunity to sit with him while he told the crews what he had witnessed during the attack on Pearl Harbor, including the bombing of the USS Arizona.

The efforts of Station 9 personnel was above and beyond the call of duty. It is because of this that they are being presented with the Award of Service.

2018 Ms Adriana Tovar

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Recipient: Ms. Adriana Tovar

Presenter: Assistant Chief Mike Garcia

Talking Points: Ms. Tovar has been with the Tucson Fire Department since 2006. Ms. Tovar has been a huge asset to the staff at Training and specifically to the Cadet program, which she has coordinated since 2008.

In addition to assisting in all functions at the Academy, she keeps track of all aspects involving the Cadet's care and training. A key duty she performs is that of liaison and coordinator for the Cadet volunteer efforts with TFD and the community for the past 10 years and has represented TFD with the Cadets to such groups as the LIONS Club International, Tucson Firefighters Union Local 479, City of Tucson, Pima County, and the Last Alarm Foundation. Specific events the Cadets volunteer at include but are not limited to: The Annual Ward 4 Back to School Bash, Local 479 Food Box and Christmas gift events, walking dogs for Pima County Animal Control, assisting Last Alarm at the 4th Avenue Street Fair, Assisting with TFD's Public Education Smoke Alarm placement events, and the annual TFD Memorial ceremony.

It is for her continued dedication and distinguished service that we present Ms. Tovar with the Award of Service.

Greater Tucson Fire Foundation

Thank 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 Retired 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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