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(TVF&R to Honor Firefighters and Staff at Meritorious Awards Ceremony)

On Saturday, May 8th, from 2:00 – 3:30 pm, Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue will recognize 66 Firefighters and staff members for their commitment to excellence at emergency incidents, both on and off duty, for their work volunteering around the world, and in their day-to-day service over the past year. The Meritorious Awards Program includes an Introduction and Color Guard Presentation by [TVF&R's Pipes & Drums and Honor Guard](#); Welcome and Comments from Fire Chief Jeff Johnson, Board President Bob Wyffels, and Local 1660 Union President Rocky Hanes; award presentations; choral tribute and memorial reading for TVF&R Fallen Firefighters. The ceremony takes place at the Stafford Woods Conference Center (25030 SW Parkway Avenue, Wilsonville) and includes the following recognitions:

Special Unit Citations - *Awarded to any unit, or specially constituted team, within the District that has worked together toward a common goal.*

Lt. Christian Weaver, Shawn Suing and Daniel Hastie - For their roles in the exceptional performance of Engine Company 59 in their search and rescue of a West Linn citizen trapped in a residential house fire on February 21, 2010.

Battalion Chief Jeffrey Cooper, Captain Troy Spisla, Kurt Koudelka, John Sconce, Bradley Fritzke, Captain Mike Towner, Jeffrey Wood and Conrad Brettschneider - For exceptional performance demonstrated at the Tualatin Shooting incident on November 10, 2009, despite the unknown level of risk and the chaos at the scene.

Lifesaving – *The Lifesaving Award may be granted to any member of the District who saves the life of another while acting in an off-duty capacity and away from his or her normal duties with the District.*

Lt. Jason Allegri and Lucan Kieffer - For his exceptional professionalism shown while off-duty, as he gave care and treatment under adverse conditions, that saved the life of a cardiac arrest patient on an international flight on October 5, 2009.

Lt. Jason Schurter - For the dramatic search and lifesaving rescue of a critically injured citizen, and for the care he administered off-duty after a boat explosion on the Columbia River on March 26, 2010.

Community Service – *The Community Service Award recognizes a member of the community who has made an outstanding contribution to fire and life safety through education, public relations, and public service.*

Kyle Schurter (Jason Schurter's brother) - For the dramatic, search and lifesaving rescue of a critically injured citizen after a boat explosion on the Columbia River on March 26, 2010.

Dr. Ray Costantini (Providence) and John Pilon (Security Guard) - For their commendable actions and lifesaving care, which contributed to saving the life of a citizen who had suffered a cardiac arrest on December 10, 2009.

Distinguished Service – *The Distinguished Service Award may be awarded to any member of the District who has acted with professionalism and efficiency when faced with a specific danger and/or adversity, and who has made a substantial contribution to EMS, the Fire Service, or the community in the carrying out of his/her duties properly despite this danger and/or adversity.*

Lt. Brian Smith - For his exceptional professionalism shown while off-duty, as he gave treatment and care to a mother and children who were struck by a motor vehicle while walking across Scholls Ferry Road on August 17, 2009.

Jeffrey Gillies and Robert Petracca - For the dramatic search and lifesaving rescue of a critically injured citizen, and for the care he administered off-duty after a boat explosion on the Columbia River on March 26, 2010.

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Meritorious Service

Assistant Fire Chief Kirk Hale - For his professionalism, integrity, loyalty, and ongoing commitment demonstrated throughout his career, to the District and to the citizens we serve and protect.

Captain Troy Spisla - For his professionalism, integrity, and exceptional dedication he has demonstrated following the series of arson fires that occurred in the community he serves as Captain of King City Fire Station 35.

Academic Excellence - *Presented to any member who has graduated from a four-year college or university while a member of TVF&R.*

Deputy Fire Marshal Edward Bonollo – Bachelor of Science degree from Eastern Oregon University

Chief of Staff Tom Clemo – Executive Fire Officer Program at the National Fire Academy

Captain Daryl Rozendal - Bachelor of Science degree from Eastern Oregon University

Union Member of the Year – *Chosen by the Executive Board of Local 1660*

Captain Deric C. Weiss

Special Recognition

Lt. Douglas Napoli, Genaro Esparza Jr., Jason Hachmuth, Jared Whitney – For extraordinary efforts that contributed to the successful rescue at the Sundial Apartment fire on November 4, 2009, when Engine Company 52 worked together to rescue residents trapped on the balconies.

Deputy Fire Marshal Ty Darby - For the excellence he has demonstrated in his duties that provided critical information to fire crews, and potentially saved firefighter lives at a commercial building that later collapsed in a fire.

Assistant Fire Chief Paul LeSage - For his valiant actions demonstrated off-duty, despite the risks involved from the high winds and fallen power lines, that saved the life of a citizen when a falling tree crushed the vehicle she was riding in.

Janet Argota, Chris Brooks, Captain Case Brown, Chief Tom Clemo, Bill Douthett, Jeanne Ervin, April Frezza, Randall Fuehrer, Chief Jeff Jones, Chief Paul LeSage, Joel Munn, Brandon Phillips, Lissa Piper, Blake Reed, Chief Marc Reed, Laura Robinson, Pete Scott, Brandon Smith, Jongmin So, Jennifer Waverly-

For his/her contribution to the extraordinary Tiburon CAD Transition team project of building a joint CAD system, which now supports the District and surrounding agencies. The initiative, perseverance, and expertise of this team brought excellence to the completion of this project.

Gregory Roley - For his lifesaving rescue that saved the life of an Estacada citizen in a residential house fire.

Jason Allegri, Bradley Fritzke, Jeffrey Gillies, Lucan Kieffer, Chad Ledson, Dan Livengood, Jason

Morgan, Colin Reardon, Robert Petracca, Nathan Turner, Battalion Chief Ian Yocum - For giving his time and professional skills to Medical Teams International and his commitment to facilitating lasting solutions for people who suffer from disaster, conflict, and poverty around the world.

Jeffrey Miller, Chief Brian Sherrard, Captain Deric Weiss - For his dedication and exemplary work contributed to the Air Monitoring Study, conducted to identify the air toxins and hazards present on fire scenes in order to minimize the exposure risks to fire service personnel and citizens.

Promotions:

Captain Paramedic:

Mike D. Towner

Deputy Fire Marshal I:

Jeffery T. Lee

Battalion Chief:

Daniel L. Griffin

Division Chief:

Brian R. Sherrard

Assistant Fire Marshal:

Gregory A. Weisgerber

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Retirees:

Jeffrey Ritter	30 Years
Mark Kreutzer	28 Years
Paul LeSage	29 Years
Randall Fuehrer	20 Years
Reeth Jackson	10 Years

Fallen Firefighters

Bruce Averitt, Steve Berg, Richard Burris, Charles Campbell, Richard Cates, Randilyn Dean, Robert Drake, Bill Garner, John Glover, Phil Hall, Doyle Harris, Mike Krauthoefer, Billy Little, Tom McKinney, Dan Rogers, Gary Steele, and Russ Williamson

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