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Firefighters, Staff, and Local Business Honored at TVF&R's 2013 Meritorious Awards Ceremony

Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue recently recognized firefighters, staff, and local business members for their life-saving efforts, and commitment to professionalism and community safety. Below is a description of each award.

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

- **Battalion Chief Ian Yocum, Lieutenant Barry Greenwood, Apparatus Operator Jason Porter, Firefighter Darin Heydon, Firefighter Joseph Muravez, Captain Brent VanKeulen, Apparatus Operator Benjamin Oberhelman, Firefighter Jesse Fitzpatrick, Firefighter Bradley Fritzke** - For their extraordinary efforts that contributed to the [rescue of an apartment fire victim](#) in March, 2012.
- **Lieutenant Peter Godon, Apparatus Operator Geoff Conroy, Firefighter Peter Lehmann, and Firefighter Mark Ross** - For their extraordinary effort to successfully rescue the driver of a [truck hanging](#) from the Denney Road overpass in November, 2012.

Distinguished Conduct

- **Apparatus Operator Daniel Mitchael, Firefighter Chad Ledson** - For their professionalism while off-duty in providing care to the victims of a motor vehicle rollover accident on Highway 26.

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.*

- **Captain Daniel Atkisson** - For his years of dedicated and exemplary service to the community of Sherwood.

Academic Excellence - *For the outstanding achievement of continuing education and self-betterment while employed with the District.*

- **Chief Dustin Morrow, Lieutenant Steve Sager, Lieutenant Rich Stamps and Firefighter Jeff Gillies** for earning their Bachelor of Science degrees.

Safer Communities Award

- **Kennedy Restoration:** This year's Safer Communities Award was presented to Kennedy Restoration for their commitment to public safety through their financial support of TVF&R's Landlord Training Workshops. These Workshops are pivotal in helping landlords understand fire behavior, common fire causes and reduction of hazards, and the fire inspection process. These Workshops also provide landlords with free educational materials that they can use to help educate tenant about smoke alarms and home fire escape planning.

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

- **Firefighter Ronald Morgan**– For his leadership role with the Local 1660 Executive Board and his commitment to firefighter training.

Volunteer Award Recognition:

- Volunteer Leadership of the Year – **Nicolas Ross**
- Rookie of the Year – **Sandeep Mann**
- Terry Lowrie Volunteer of the Year – **Damien Johnson**

Retirements

- **Firefighter Steven Weigel** - 34 years of service
- **Firefighter Terry Kreb** - 33 years of service
- **Lieutenant Randy Scherman** - 27 years of service
- **Lieutenant William Boyle** - 25 years of service
- **Deputy Fire Marshal Rolanda Ayers**.-15 years of service

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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