



## News Release –Media Invited

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### **TVF&R Honors Citizens, Firefighters, Volunteers and Staff at Annual Meritorious Awards Ceremony**

Each year, Fire Chief Michael Duyck honors citizens and employees of the Fire District who exemplify selflessness, stewardship and commitment to their community. Set in the beautiful backdrop of the Nike World Headquarters, the Fire Chief will share stories about harrowing rescues performed during fires, motor vehicle crashes and other emergencies where men and women put their own lives in peril to save others. He will also recognize community service, academic excellence, time in service, distinguished conduct and notable endeavors that are creating safer communities. (See page two for complete listing and award descriptions.)

**Media Invited: Saturday, May 3, 2014, 10:30am**

*Nike World Headquarters, Tiger Woods Center, 1 SW Bowerman Drive, Beaverton*



**COMMUNITY SERVICE**

Jayna Indeck

For her exceptional contribution to the fire and life safety training of adult foster home residents and providers in Washington County.

**CITIZEN LIFESAVING**

Jeffery Campbell

For the professionalism and care that he provided while off duty that helped to save the life of a trauma patient on June 1, 2013.

**ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE**

Battalion Chief Leonard Damian II

Lieutenant Henry Annen

Apparatus Operator Malik Morris

**MERITORIOUS SERVICE AWARD**

Public Affairs Chief Karen Eubanks

For her exceptional dedication, career accomplishments, and substantial role in developing key partnerships and elevating the brand of TVF&R.

**MERITORIOUS SERVICE AWARD**

Assistant Chief Jeff Jones

For his exceptional innovation and leadership, and the significant accomplishments and contributions that he made throughout his career with the District.

**DISTINGUISHED CONDUCT**

Captain Walker Mallison

Lieutenant Robert Sutton

Apparatus Operator Chad Hashbarger

Apparatus Operator Jeffrey Wood

Firefighter William Coker IV

Firefighter Ben Cone

Firefighter Kevin Bebb

Firefighter Justin Tishendorf

For their extraordinary performance and integral role in the rescue of the victims of the SW Jaden Drive residential fire on May 23, 2013.

**DISTINGUISHED CONDUCT**

Captain Walker Mallison

Apparatus Operator Chad Hashbarger

Firefighter William Coker IV

Firefighter Travis Smith

For their extraordinary performance and integral role in the rescue of the victims of the SW 214<sup>th</sup> Place residential fire on October 23, 2013.

**DISTINGUISHED CONDUCT**

Firefighter Emily VanMeter

For the exceptional professionalism and care that she provided, while off duty, to a trauma patient in British Columbia.

**SPECIAL UNIT CITATION**

Battalion Chief Leonard Damian II

Battalion Chief Kenny Frentress

Lieutenant Ronnie Mason

Lieutenant Gary Burton

Lieutenant Stephen Todd Lake

Apparatus Operator Bernard Ferguson

Apparatus Operator Steven Fisher

Apparatus Operator Steven Moroney

Firefighter Bobby Heiney III

Firefighter Thomas Herrington

Firefighter Dawn Marie Cantrell

Firefighter Scott White

Firefighter Dan Livengood

Firefighter Casey Savage

For their extraordinary actions during the SW Jaden Drive residential fire on May 23, 2013.

**SAFER COMMUNITIES AWARD**

Oregon Department of Transportation, David Kim

For exceptional efforts towards a safe and reliable transportation network.

**VOLUNTEER AWARD RECOGNITION**

Rookie of the Year 2013 – Patrick Kean

Rookie of the Year 2014 – Steven Moran

Auxiliary of the Year 2014 – Mychal Wickam

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**TVF&R AWARD CRITERIA:**

**Community Service**

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

**Academic Excellence**

The Academic Excellence Award may be awarded to any member who has graduated from a four-year accredited college or university, or demonstrated academic excellence while a member of the District.

**Special Unit Citation**

The Special Unit Citation may be awarded to any organization, unit, or specially constituted team within the District which has worked together toward a common goal. The Citation may be awarded for a specific performance of exceptional quality or for continued, professional performance and dedication to duty by the organization, unit, or team, as a whole.

#### **Meritorious Service**

The Meritorious Service Award may be presented to any member of the District who performs one or more of the following:

- An act of valuable service, demonstrating special dedication and perseverance.
- Respected performance within the fire service over an extended period of time.
- Professionalism, as indicated by superiors and performance evaluations, or who has, in a specific instance, performed his/her duties in a particularly admirable manner.
- Submission of a device or method designed to increase efficiency in an administrative or tactical procedure, which is subsequently adopted by the Fire Chief's office.
- Special dedication in the service of the members of IAFF Local 1660. (One of these awards will be offered each year in accordance with the Local's own review and selection process).

#### **Purple Heart**

The Purple Heart may be awarded to any member of the District who, in the line of duty, sustains a serious injury and requires immediate treatment by a physician and/or hospital, or, posthumously, to any member who is killed in the performance of his/her duty. Such injury should not be the direct result of failure to follow the appropriate safety guidelines. The Purple Heart may be awarded in addition to any other award.

#### **Citizen Lifesaving**

The Citizen 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. This award may also be given to a citizen of the District who saves the life of another.

#### **Distinguished Conduct**

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. The action for which this award is given should be considered exceptional by his/her peers.

#### **Medal of Valor**

The Medal of Valor may be awarded to a member of the District who, in the line of duty, or while off-duty, distinguishes him/herself in the performance of an act of courage involving risk of imminent serious physical injury, with knowledge of such risk, for the purpose of saving or protecting human life. Or, in the course of an extended investigation of a nature where he/she is continuously and singly exposed to grave personal hazard, willingly accepts such risk in the service of the District.

#### **Medal of Honor**

The Medal of Honor may be awarded to a member of the District who, in the line of duty, or while off-duty, gives his/her life, or distinguishes him/herself by an act of extreme courage involving the risk of imminent danger to his/her life, with knowledge of such risk, above and beyond the call of duty. The aforementioned act must have been performed for the purpose of saving or protecting human life.