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** MEDIA ALERT **

Ventura County Fire Department names Firefighters of the Year at annual awards ceremony

CAMARILLO, Calif. – The Ventura County Fire Department will honor firefighters, employees, dispatchers and local lifesaving citizens during its 22nd Annual Awards Ceremony on Thursday, March 22, 2018. Hosted from 3:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., the ceremony will take place at the Padre Serra Center, located at 5205 Upland Road in Camarillo. (NOTE: This event is not open to the public)

Every year, the Ventura County Fire Department recognizes the outstanding achievements of its firefighters and members of the public who go above and beyond in the service of others. Six firefighters, one from each Ventura County Battalion, and one from the Wildland/Aviation Division will receive the Firefighter of the Year award.

Dispatcher and Employee of the Year awards will also be handed out. Additionally, several citizens will be recognized for their lifesaving efforts.

The following is the list of honorees:

Dispatcher of the Year

Fire Communications Center (Camarillo) – Mallory Crosby (Camarillo resident)

Firefighter of the Year

Battalion 1 (Camarillo) – Joe Yturralde (Camarillo resident)
Battalion 2 (Ojai) – Brandon Garnsey (Ojai resident)
Battalion 3 (Thousand Oaks) – Kenneth Kappen (Thousand Oaks resident)
Battalion 4 (Simi Valley) – Jenna Merrill (Simi Valley resident)
Battalion 5 (Port Hueneme) – David Schacherer (Camarillo resident)
Aviation/Wildland Division – Ryan Winchester (Ventura resident)

Employee of the Year

Administrative Services Bureau – Quane Huff (Moorpark resident)
Business Services Bureau – Cathy O'Connor (Camarillo resident)
Fire Prevention Bureau – Corina Cagley (Moorpark resident)
Support Services Bureau – Michael Ashley (Ventura resident)

Fire Company of the Year - 36C – Oak Park

Captain Chuck Scherrei (Ventura resident)
Engineer Michael Williams (Oak Park resident)
Engineer Ian Henrich (Northridge resident)
Firefighter Bill Thomas (Moorpark resident)

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Lifesaving Citation Medal

Sam Tafoya

(Ventura resident)

Lifesaving Medal

Lori Ross

(Moorpark resident)

Swiftwater Rescue Team 154:

Tom Lanski

(Ventura resident)

Brian Heath

(Simi Valley resident)

Robert Schuett

(Thousand Oaks resident)

Chris Quagliata

(Ventura resident)

Trevor Johnson

(Moorpark resident)

Mike Fuller

(Camarillo resident)

Medal of Valor

Troy Martin

(Ventura resident)

Certificate of Appreciation

Officers Gage and White – Simi Valley

Whitney Collins

(Ventura resident)

Richard Moorman

(Thousand Oaks resident)

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