



## VENTURA COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT

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# NEWS RELEASE

## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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### VCFD celebrates annual award honorees

CAMARILLO, Calif. – Last week, the Ventura County Fire Department honored firefighters, employees, dispatchers and local lifesaving citizens during its 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Awards Ceremony in Camarillo.

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.

#### The 2019 List of Honorees include:

##### ***Employee of the Year***

Administrative Services Bureau (Camarillo) – Nina Acosta	(Oxnard resident)
Business Services Bureau (Camarillo) – Vera Barajas	(Oxnard resident)
Fire Prevention Bureau (Camarillo) – Alan Dearden	(Camarillo resident)
Support Service Bureau (Camarillo) - Alex Arciniega	(Ventura resident)

##### ***Dispatcher of the Year***

Breanna Blanchard (Fire Communications Center in Camarillo)	(Moorpark resident)
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##### ***Firefighter of the Year***

Battalion 1 (Camarillo) – Captain Jeffery Witt	(Camarillo resident)
Battalion 2 (Camarillo) – Firefighter Mitchell Doler	(Ventura resident)
Battalion 3 (Newbury Park) – Firefighter Weston Valdillez	(Newhall resident)
Battalion 4 (Simi Valley) – Firefighter Justin Dilworth	(Simi Valley resident)
Battalion 5 (Malibu) – Captain Michael Fine	(Santa Barbara resident)
Aviation/Wildland Division (Oxnard) – Captain Nick Cleary	(Camarillo)

##### ***Fire Company of the Year*** - Patrol 16 – Lockwood Valley

Captain Damon Dalton	(Thousand Oaks resident)
Captain Jon Jelle	(Simi Valley resident)

##### ***Certificate of Appreciation***

Firefighter Ryan Coccia (Oak View)	(Ventura resident)
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### **Life Saving Citation Medal**

Tami Kirkland

(Simi Valley resident)

Bobby Haynes

(Simi Valley resident)

Leslie Powell

(Simi Valley resident)

Justin Veditz

(Simi Valley resident)

### **Life Saving Medal**

Engineer Jaime Hidalgo

(Ventura resident)

Firefighter Trainee Ryan Jaeger

(Thousand Oaks resident)

Fire Control Worker Andrew Marifian

(Downey resident)

Captain Bob Myers

(Ojai resident)

Fire Equipment Operator Scott Price

(Simi Valley resident)

### ***Certificate of Appreciation***

Engineer Reed Adams

(Ventura resident)

Engineer Marc Mangino

(Ventura resident)

Firefighter Kristopher Martin

(Ventura resident)

Captain Scott Sato

(Oxnard resident)

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