



## VENTURA COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT

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# NEWS RELEASE

## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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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, dispatcher and local lifesaving citizens during its 21<sup>st</sup> Annual Awards Ceremony on Thursday, March 2, 2017. 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) - Mark Sackenreuter (Newbury Park resident)

#### ***Firefighter of the Year***

Battalion 1 (Camarillo) – Steven Buckles (Moorpark resident)  
Battalion 2 (Ojai) – Richard Randolph (Ventura resident)  
Battalion 3 (Thousand Oaks) – Keith Leonard (Newbury Park resident)  
Battalion 4 (Moorpark) – Robert L. Schaper III (Ventura resident)  
Battalion 5 (El Rio) – Alejandro Garcia (Ventura resident)  
Aviation/Wildland Division – Robert Myers (Camarillo resident)

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

Administrative Services Bureau – Bev Walters (Camarillo resident)  
Business Services Bureau – Cyndi Cortez (Camarillo resident)  
Fire Prevention Bureau – Richard Martinez (El Rio resident)  
Support Services Bureau – Niki Carmichael (Camarillo resident)

#### ***Fire Company of the Year- 45C***

Station 45, C-Shift, (Simi Valley) - Captain Matthew Ward (Simi Valley), Engineer Chrystal Horton (Camarillo), Firefighter Zachary Trottier (Simi Valley)

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### *Lifesaving Citation Medal*

Joseph Wilkins

Alexandra de L'Arbre

Arman Badiei

Sylvia Fulton

Jane Wolny

Geoffrey Millar

(Port Hueneme)

(Aspen, Co)

(Oak Park)

(Camarillo)

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