



## VENTURA COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT

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# NEWS RELEASE

## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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### VCFD celebrates annual award honorees

CAMARILLO, Calif. – More than 20 VCFD members, two officers and three citizens were honored last week for their bravery, courage and commitment to Ventura County during VCFD's 22<sup>nd</sup> annual awards ceremony.

Hosted by Assistant Chief Chad Cook, awards were presented to firefighters, employees, one dispatcher and local lifesaving citizens on Thursday, May 17, 2018.

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.

#### The 2018 List of Honorees Include:

##### ***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) – Kenny 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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## Ventura County Fire Annual Awards Ceremony

### ***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***

Officer Matthew Gage-Simi

Officer Travis White-Simi

Whitney Collins

(Ventura resident)

Richard Moorman

(Thousand Oaks resident)

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