

## **Best & Bravest Honorees**

January 31, 2013

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

Battalion 1 – Daniel Hansen, *Firefighter* – Station 64-A – City of Westminster (Transferring to Station 43 – Tustin)

Battalion 2 – Brad Burns, *Fire Apparatus Engineer* – Station 34-C – City of Placentia

Battalion 3 – Larry Kurtz, *Fire Captain* – Station 43-A – City of Tustin

Battalion 4 – Dave Bautista, *Fire Captain/Paramedic* – Station 51-A – City of Irvine

Battalion 5 – Michael Yeun, *Firefighter* – Station 6-A – City of Irvine

Battalion 6 – Craig Covey, *Fire Captain/Paramedic* – Station 7-A – City of San Juan Capistrano (Transferring to Air Ops)

Battalion 7 – Dave Hahn, *Fire Apparatus Engineer/Paramedic* – Station 18-B – Trabuco

Battalion 8 – Davis Doty, *Fire Captain/Paramedic* – Station 13-C – City of La Palma

Battalion 9 – Craig Wilmovsky, *Fire Captain* – Station 70-C – City of Santa Ana

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

Battalion 5 – Kevin McArthur, *Reserve Firefighter* – Station 26 – City of Irvine

Battalion 6 – Frank Freer, *Reserve Firefighter* – Station 30 – City of Laguna Niguel

### **Manager of the Year**

Joel Brodowski, *Information Technology Manager* – RFOTC – City of Irvine

Michael Moore, *Division Chief (D2)* – Station 51 – City of Irvine

Brett Petroff, *Deputy Fire Marshall* – RFOTC – City of Irvine

Mark “Pokey” Sanchez, *Battalion Chief* – RFOTC – City of Irvine

### **Professional Staff Employee of the Year**

Eric Elmer, *Fire Prevention Analyst* – RFOTC – City of Irvine

Keri Rodriguez, *Finance Division* – RFOTC – City of Irvine

### **Unsung Hero**

Rothchild Ong, *Management Assistant* – RFOTC – City of Irvine

Jim Waddell, *Reserve Fire Officer* – Station 11 – Emerald Bay

### **Medal of Valor**

Robert Davidson, *Firefighter/Paramedic* – Station 20-A – City of Irvine

### **Lifesaving Medal**

Aaron Shook, *Firefighter* – Station 9-A – City of Mission Viejo

### **Medal of Merit**

Lori Zeller, *Assistant Chief Business Services* – RFOTC – City of Irvine

### **Unit Citation**

Michael Ludlam, *Heavy Fire Equipment Operator* – Station 53 – City of Yorba Linda

John Lamb, *Fire Captain/Paramedic* – Station 18 – Trabuco

Ross Nelson, *Handcrew Firefighter* – Station 18 – Trabuco

Stan Sutton, *Firefighter/Crew Supervisor (Retired)* – Station 18 – Trabuco

Ryan Swanson, *Handcrew Firefighter* – Station 18 – Trabuco

### **Military Service Ribbon**

Dave Bautista, *Fire Captain/Paramedic* – Station 51 – City of Irvine

Tom Evans, *Fire Apparatus Engineer* – Station 33 – City of Irvine

Rick Robinson, *Division Chief (D3)* – Station 58 – Ladera Ranch

Wendell Simmons, *Firefighter* – Station 48 – City of Seal Beach