



# KITTITAS VALLEY FIRE & RESCUE

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### Fire Service Annual Awards

Ellensburg, Washington, January 27, 2020- Kittitas Valley Fire & Rescue honored outstanding members of the fire service with its annual awards during a special banquet on January 10, 2020. In conjunction with this year's ceremony, those fire district officers that have been promoted within the last year were pinned with their new badges.

John Sinclair, Fire Chief stated: "We gather to honor the commitment and bravery of these awesome firefighters, officers and staff. We also honor the commitment and dedication of the family members that support our firefighters. To leave their family and run towards danger takes a special person, it also takes a special person to await their return. On behalf of the citizens of Kittitas Valley, Ellensburg and Kittitas, I salute each of you."

Chairmen of the Board of Fire Commissioners Pat Clerf stated; "This was a tough year for our community. I am proud of each of you and thankful for the support of the families and the community. Thank you for what you do, each day."

Award recipients' accomplishments were recognized with a plaque. Firefighter of the Year-Chris Mabbutt; Officer of the Year- Melissa Isotalo; Volunteer Firefighter of the Year- Richard Hink; Lifetime Achievement- Jon Fowler; Volunteer Firefighter with Highest Total Call Response- Todd Veness; Chief Awards- Josh DeHerrera, Kyle Buchanan, Mike Gray, Jacob Schroeder; Local IAFF #1758 Volunteer Award- Roland "Ed" Dittenholer; Commissioner Award Career Firefighter-Dustin Mohan; Commissioner Award Volunteer Firefighter- Court Martin.

Service Award Recipients. 5 Years of Service-Court Martin, Tyler Mays; 10 Years of Service- David Hinchliff, Mike Long; 20 Years of Service- Brad Wallace, Dustin Mohan, Chris Mabbutt, Dan Johnson; 25 Years of Service- Chris Moen; 30 Years of Service- Gary Burrows; 35 Years of Service- Roland Dittenholer.

Volunteer Responder Award Recipients. Top Responder Broadview Station- Todd Veness; Top Responder Denmark Station- Richard Hink; Top Responder Badger Pocket Station- Kevin Baker; Top Responder Fairview Station- Frank Arnold; Top Responder Westside Station- Naisan Geula; Top Resident Responder- Kris Vanicek; Top Reserve Responder- Grant Lair; Top Chief's Company Responder- Quinn Weir.

- [Local IAFF #1758 Volunteer Award](#)
- [Officer of the Year](#)
- [Commissioner Volunteer Firefighter Award](#)
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