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### **FIRE DISTRICT NAMES MCQUEAD FIREFIGHTER OF THE YEAR**

**RANCHO SANTA FE, Calif.** — The Rancho Santa Fe Fire Protection District (RSFFPD) has named Engineer Dave McQuead as the recipient of the 2008 David B. Dewey Firefighter of the Year Award. McQuead was announced as the recipient of the award by his peers at the annual Rancho Santa Fe Appreciation Dinner hosted by the Rancho Santa Fe Rotary Club and The Inn at Rancho Santa Fe on Friday, May 8, 2009.

McQuead, who has been referred to by his colleagues as ADD for "All Day Dave," is an extremely hard worker who is involved in training groups, developing hazard materials and structure response scenarios for drills. He also recently volunteered to direct the Community Emergency Response Team for the Fire District. In addition, McQuead serves as the Secretary for the Rancho Santa Fe Professional Firefighters Association.

"There is no greater acknowledgement that recognition by your peers," said Fire Chief Nick Pavone. "Dave is very deserving of the award, and provides dedicated service to the communities we serve."

Battalion Chief Mike Gibbs has also praised McQuead's efforts. "Dave is an excellent example of an individual who truly loves the fire service and takes great pride in making our district excel as an organization. He always has a positive attitude towards his day and his job, and is always willing to put forth the extra effort in his duties."

In addition to the Firefighter of the Year, awards were given for years of service. Also participating in the event were the North County Dispatch Joint Powers Authority and Rancho Santa Fe Patrol. Each agency presented awards for their own agencies.

The mission of the Rancho Santa Fe Fire Protection District is "To protect life, property, and environment through prevention, preparedness, education and emergency response." Formed in 1946, the Fire District now spans approximately 42-square miles and protects over 29,000 citizens. The Fire District currently operates out of four full-time fire stations and serves the communities within and surrounding Rancho Santa Fe and 4S-Ranch.

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