



RANCHO SANTA FE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

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RANCHO SANTA FE, Calif. — At their recent Annual Employee Appreciation Dinner, the Rancho Santa Fe Fire Protection District recognized two firefighters for their outstanding service to the organization and the community.

Engineer Cole Thompson was named the recipient of this year's David B. Dewey Firefighter of the Year Award. Engineer Thompson was nominated for the award by his peers, for his professionalism, work ethic, leadership skills, and being a strong representative of the fire district. Additionally, Engineer Thompson serves as an instructor at the Palomar College Fire Academy where he was named Instructor of the Year by the 50th fire academy class.

In addition to the annual Firefighter of the Year Award, this year fire district also recognized Firefighter Paramedic Scott Young with the Phoenix Award, a meritorious award given to those who go above and beyond in the line of duty. Young was nominated for his efforts on a medical emergency incident in which directed CPR and related life-saving efforts continue for nearly an hour. The patient regained pulses, was transported to the hospital, and is expected to recover.

Twelve district employees were also recognized at the event for their years of service, including Administrative Manager Karlana Rannals, who has served the fire district for 35 years.

The mission of the Rancho Santa Fe Fire Protection District is "To serve the public through the protection of life, environment and property from fire and other emergencies through prevention, preparedness, education, and response." Formed in 1946, the Fire District now spans approximately 50-square miles and protects over 32,000 citizens. The Fire District currently operates out of six fire stations and serves the communities within and surrounding Rancho Santa Fe, Fairbanks Ranch, 4S-Ranch, Elfin Forest, and Harmony Grove.

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