

Community Service Award

The Fire Department Community Service Award is given to citizens of Mesquite who have demonstrated an outstanding and unwavering support of the Mesquite Fire Department by volunteering their time and/or resources for the betterment of the Department. It is given based on nomination submissions from rank and file of the Mesquite Fire Department. The 2019 Community Service Award goes to Mark North, George Rice and Bennye Rice.

Unfortunately George and Bennye Rice are were unable to attend today due to prior commitments and will be recognized at a later date.

Mark North has been a Mesquite Fire Corps member since 2010 and has contributed a total of 43,732 hours during his eight years of service. Mark is the “fix it” guy. He has been called upon multiple times over the years to help with firefighter rehab, troubleshooting of equipment issues or at Fire Corps special events. No matter the task, Mark always shows up willing to help.

Mark keeps Rehab01 and the Emergency Management trailer in good working order, and has, over the years, suggested, and help implement ideas to make things easier and faster while on site during the rehab of first responders.

Mark has been instrumental in the training of all Fire Corps members so that they can safely operate some of the heavy equipment necessary to fulfill their mission including driver training for the rehab vehicle. Mark also initiated a checklist for Rehab01 drivers before departing to and returning from emergency scenes to assure efficient and effective operation of their first responder rehabilitation tasks.

Mark has never said “no” anytime asked, he always replies with “yes we can do that” whether it is a request from the Fire Department, Police Department or the City.

Please join me in congratulating our 2019 Fire Department Community Service Award winner, Mark North.