

Mesquite Fire Department 2019 Officer of the Year

The Officer of the Year is given to an outstanding officer for demonstrating commitment in a leadership position and for serving as a positive role model both on and off-duty. Our 2019 Officer of the Year is Lieutenant David Ivie.

David started his career with the Mesquite Fire Department on April 10th, 2000. He received his paramedic certification in 2001, promoted to Driver-Engineer in 2010 and to Lieutenant on October 8th, 2016. Lt. Ivie has received four Life Saving Awards and a 2017 Attendance award.

During 2017, Dave was appointed to head up the Department's self-contained breathing apparatus replacement project. This project consisted of replacing approximately 80 SCBAs and over 200 air cylinders at a budgeted cost of \$650,000. Lt. Ivie immediately went to work assigning a committee to survey other departments, reviewing different SCBA manufacture's products, coordinate SCBA testing inside our Operations Division and consolidating the committee's finding and recommendations into a final report.

As most firefighters know, you have to rely and have confidence in your breathing equipment before going in to any dangerous atmosphere, be it a structure fire or hazmat incident. This confidence is gained by not only possessing the very best equipment, but also having the knowledge of how it works and the training necessary to use it properly. The final go live with the new SCBAs went off with limited issues due to the planning efforts of all involved. It is recognized that it took many dedicated firefighters to review, select, purchase and implement the SCBA project for our Department. It is also recognized that it took leadership from the appointed project manager to coordinate everyone's efforts. It is because of this leadership that Lieutenant David Ivie is our 2019 Officer of the Year!