



Mesquite Fire Department 2017 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 2017 Officer of the Year is Deputy Chief Tom Lindsay.

Chief Lindsay started his career with the Mesquite Fire Department on September 11, 1979. He promoted to Driver-Engineer in September of 1984, to Lieutenant in April of 1988, Captain in March of 1989 and Deputy Chief on April 27, 1991.

Chief Lindsay is admired within the Department for his strength of character and his desire to always put others first. Chief Lindsay is always the last one to sit down at dinner at the station. If the engine gets a run, he is sure to cover everyone's food and keeps busy until their return. He is concerned about everyone in the department, but specifically everyone on his shift. It is amazing when you realize he seems to remember the names of someone's spouse or children without asking and always asks how they are doing.

Every patriotic U.S. holiday, Chief Lindsay arrives to work early to put out the American flags around Station 5. Before Deputy Chief Lindsay was a Mesquite firefighter, he served in the United States Marine Corps and is proud of his country. Every year since 9-11, Chief Lindsay has developed a ceremony designed to honor the lives lost on 9-11 without fanfare or anyone really knowing he was the one behind it all.

Chief Lindsay is always willing to help in any situation or cause. The Mesquite Fire Department participates in the MDA Fill the Boot campaign every year and every year you will find Chief Lindsay on a corner in Mesquite helping to raise money for the cause. Last year Chief Lindsay decided to assist Engine 05 with an overturned truck full of cows and bulls. One calf did not like the way Chief Lindsay was blocking his escape route and decided to give him a swift kick in the leg. That was probably the last time Chief Lindsay decided to help when livestock were involved. Chief Lindsay has one of the biggest hearts in the Department and is always looking after the welfare of his firefighters as well as his patients. As of January 31, 2017, Chief Lindsay has retired from the Mesquite Fire Department. He will be truly missed by the C-shift crewmembers as well as everyone else within the Department.

It is a pleasure to recognize Deputy Chief Tom Lindsay as the 2017 Mesquite Fire Department Officer of the Year.