

## \$100 HEROISM AWARDS



**Kevin Austin**  
Lexington, KY, FD  
Protected citizens from gunfire that broke out following a traffic accident involving an apparatus and a civilian vehicle.



**Timothy Barb**  
Fairfax County, VA, FD  
While off duty, witnessed car crash on interstate. Stopped traffic and located ejected victim not breathing. Opened airway and administered rescue breathing until help arrived.



**Peter Bolen**  
Columbus, OH, FD  
Responded to call of victim in distress in river. Donned life vest and tied second one to a rope. Swam out, put vest on victim and towed victim to shore.



**Marc P. Cain**  
City of Columbus, GA, Division of Fire  
Helped rescue trapped construction workers who were dangling from the top of a collapsed building. Placed workers on outside of bucket and held on until reaching the ground.



**Ralph Carroll**  
Sumter, SC, FD  
Helped advance line into burning building. Left line to search for trapped victim. Using TIC, located unconscious victim and helped remove and administer CPR.



**Mark Duncan**  
St. Louis, MO, FD  
Forced entry with heavy fire on third floor and smoke and fire on second floor. Located child and infant on second floor and helped remove to safety.



**Christopher Enriquez**  
Los Angeles County, CA, FD  
Entered building with no line in heavy smoke and heat conditions searching for trapped victims, but driven back by flashover. Re-entered with line and finds victim.



**Raul Garcia**  
Los Angeles County, CA, FD  
Entered building with no line in heavy smoke and heat conditions searching for trapped victims, but driven back by flashover. Re-entered with line and found victim.



**Chris Geddings**  
Sumter, SC, FD  
Placed ladder to second-floor window of burning structure to search for two trapped children. Found female victim and removed. Returned and helped remove second child.



**Richard Gobble**  
Ripley, WV, FD  
Responded to report of vehicle crashing into a creek. Waded into frigid water with strong currents, removed driver and led driver back to shore.



**Jeff Green**  
Bettendorf, IA, Fire & Rescue  
While participating in rope rescue drills, heard screams from nearby lake. With no equipment, swam out 50 feet and helped pull victim ashore.



**William Hawkins**  
Prince George's County, MD, FD  
Noticed erratically driven car and radioed for help. Activated warning lights and forced vehicle to curb. Found and tended to elderly driver having diabetic emergency.



**Joe Heining**  
Kansas City, KS, FD  
Entered burning building in heavy smoke conditions to search for trapped victims. Located unconscious woman and helped carry her to safety.



**Shawn Holloway**  
Lexington, KY, FD  
Protected citizens from gunfire that broke out following a traffic accident involving an apparatus and a civilian vehicle.



**Rudy Iturrino**  
Fairfax County, VA, FD  
While off duty, responded to motor vehicle accident. Without gear, helped free driver and passenger, both in respiratory distress. Provided critical care until EMS arrived.



**John Keller**  
Corpus Christi, TX, FD  
Pulled off two water rescues three months apart. In each case, swam out and placed victim in personal flotation device and swam victim back to shore.



**Steve Kingsley**  
Bettendorf, IA, Fire & Rescue  
While participating in rope rescue drills, heard screams from nearby lake. With no equipment, swam out 50 feet and helped pull victim ashore.



**Scott M. Kulpa**  
City of Columbus, GA, Division of Fire  
Helped rescue trapped construction workers who were dangling from the top of a collapsed building. Placed workers on outside of bucket and held on until reaching the ground.



**Jeffrey Lane**  
Kansas City, KS, FD  
With no line, entered building in heavy fire conditions and ascended stairs searching for victims. Led first victim to stairs and assisted in removing second victim.



**Gabriel Lopez**  
San Francisco, CA, FD  
While off duty, spotted a man on fire running from a burning building. Extinguished fire administered care and remained with patient until air ambulance support arrived.



**Chad Maly**  
Cincinnati, OH, FD  
Ascended to second floor of burning building searching for trapped victims. Sheltered three victims before leading them out, one by one, through heavy smoke by sharing SCBA.



**John Manchester**  
Chicago, IL, FD  
Gained entry into commercial structure showing heavy smoke. Heard screams and proceeded past hoseline to rescue barely conscious female who was trapped in utility room.



**Vincent Mautone**  
Newark, NJ, FD  
Stretched line to third floor of burning building between fire and man trying to escape by jumping from window. Calmed man until ladder was raised.



**Brad McClain**  
Lexington, KY, FD  
Protected citizens from gunfire that broke out following a traffic accident involving an apparatus and a civilian vehicle.



**Chad Molochnick**  
**Willimantic, CT, FD**  
 Ascended outside stairs to third floor of burning building and forced entry. Found unconscious victim in high-heat, zero-visibility conditions. Carried victim to safety and administered CPR.



**Ronald A. Palmer Jr.**  
**Willimantic, CT, FD**  
 Ascended outside stairs to third floor of burning building and forced entry. Found unconscious victim in high-heat, zero-visibility conditions. Carried victim to safety and administered CPR.



**Taylor Riley**  
**Lakeland, FL, FD**  
 Entered side window of structure that was 95% engulfed in flames in search of trapped victim. Located victim and carried lifeless body out of the structure.



**William Moreland**  
**Fairfax County, VA, FD**  
 While off duty, donned PPE and entered smoke-filled townhouse. Found several citizens trying to rescue wheelchair-bound woman. Took command and ensured everyone made it out safely.



**James Pisaro**  
**Newark, NJ, FD**  
 Raised 35-foot ladder to third-floor window where man was trying to escape fire by jumping. Ascended ladder, removed man and lead to safety.



**Angelo Rizzitello**  
**Newark, NJ, FD**  
 Raised 35-foot ladder to third-floor window where man was trying to escape fire by jumping. Held ladder until rescue was performed.



**Martin Nolan**  
**Chicago, IL, FD**  
 Entered 20-foot-deep water with personal flotation device and rope and secured struggling victim 25 feet from shore before they were both pulled to safety.



**Kyle Ricketts**  
**Kansas City, KS, FD**  
 Prevented combative patient who had exited ambulance from jumping off a bridge. With assistance, helped pull dangling patient back to safety.



**Ernest Robinett**  
**Columbus, OH, FD**  
 Entered burning building with no line, located semi-conscious victim and dragged into hallway. With help of partner, carried victim to safety.



**Phillip Osner**  
**Kansas City, KS, FD**  
 Prevented combative patient who had exited ambulance from jumping off a bridge. Held onto dangling patient until help arrived and victim was pulled to safety.



**Jacob Righter**  
**Kansas City, KS, FD**  
 Entered burning building in heavy smoke conditions to search for trapped victims. Located unconscious woman and helped carry her to safety.



**Lazaro Rodriguez**  
**Newark, NJ, FD**  
 Raised 35-foot ladder to third-floor window where man was trying to escape fire by jumping. Held ladder until rescue was performed.



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**Christopher Rowe**  
Long Beach, CA, FD  
While off duty, entered burning house without gear or hoseline and carried elderly victim to safety. Re-entered house in high heat and heavy smoke to continue search.



**Keith A. Sims**  
City of Columbus, GA, Division of Fire  
Helped rescue trapped construction workers who were dangling from the top of a collapsed building. Placed workers on outside of bucket and held on until reaching the ground.



**Mike Stanley**  
Aurora, CO, FD  
While off duty, was riding a light rail that accidentally hit a young woman. Jumped off rail and provided patient care until paramedics arrived.



**Rafael Tellez**  
Newark, NJ, FD  
Stretched line to third floor of burning building between fire and man trying to escape by jumping from window. Calmed man until ladder was raised.



**Jamie Tinsley**  
Lexington, KY, FD  
Protected citizens from gunfire that broke out following a traffic accident involving an apparatus and a civilian vehicle.



**Steven Vaughan**  
St. Louis, MO, FD  
Forced entry with heavy fire on third floor and smoke and fire on second floor. Located child and infant on second floor and helped remove to safety.



**Brandy Walker**  
Fairfax County, VA, FD  
While off duty, responded to motor vehicle accident. Without gear, helped free driver and passenger, both in respiratory distress. Provided critical care until EMS arrived.



**Mike Weller**  
Cincinnati, OH, FD  
Placed aerial ladder to third-floor window and, with help, removed two small children. Returned to ladder and rescued adult female.



**Jerome Williams**  
Fairfax County, VA, FD  
Responded during a derecho to find an unconscious victim who had been shocked by a downed power line. Revived victim with AED and moved to safety.



**Darrin Witt**  
Huntington Beach, CA, FD  
Responded as investigator to house fire. Entered smoke-filled structure without gear to locate band remove disoriented victim. Received second-degree burns to hand.

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# Special Recognition

The entire country watched in horror on Dec. 14, 2012, as Newtown, CT, suffered an unimaginable tragedy: a gunman stormed Sandy Hook Elementary School, killing six administrators and 20 children. As details emerged, it became evident the educators at Sandy Hook had performed heroic acts, yet they were not eligible for a Medal of Honor because they were not military officers. Members of Lewis County Fire District 15 in Winlock, WA, a community similar in layout to Newtown, thought if the educators were first responders, they would have received (posthumously) the Fire Service Medal of Honor.

Thus began the department's movement to honor the sacrifice of the Sandy Hook staff. At its Jan. 8, 2013, meeting, a motion was made to pass two resolutions. The first was to recognize the six



**Captain Rachel Davino**



**Captain Dawn Hochsprung**



**Captain Anne Marie Murphy**



**Captain Lauren Rousseau**



**Captain Mary Sherlach**



**Captain Victoria Soto**

as honorary firefighters/first responders. The second resolution promoted each to the highest line officer rank in their department (Captain) and awarded each the Fire Service Medal of Honor. Both resolutions were unanimously passed by Board of Commissioners.

*Firehouse® Magazine* received nominations only for the six honorary first responders, who clearly deserve Heroism awards. But the Lewis County Fire District's dedication to community and commitment to the bond between public service employees earned them our top Community Service Award as well.

**Here are the seven honorees for Heroism & Community Service:**

**Sandy Hook Elementary School/  
Lewis County Fire District 15  
Winlock, WA**

- Captain Rachel Davino**
- Captain Dawn Hochsprung**
- Captain Anne Marie Murphy**
- Captain Lauren Rousseau**
- Captain Mary Sherlach**
- Captain Victoria Soto**
- Lewis County Fire District 15**

**Battalion Chief Doug McAdory  
Tuscaloosa Fire & Rescue Service**



Four years ago, as captain of Station 2, McAdory began a partnership with the children in the Arts 'n Autism after-school program, treating more than 20 families to a Fire & Safety Open House. This program has grown to include fundraisers and interactions throughout the year, including swimming lessons with the dive team and Halloween trick-or-treating from a fire truck. McAdory is honored for forging a community relationship and helping prepare personnel for emergency response to its special-needs population.

**Lieutenant Frank J. Brim  
Chicago, IL, FD**

As program coordinator for the Chicago Police and Firefighter Training Academy (CPFTA), Brim helps high school juniors and seniors to see, learn



and experience what a public safety career is all about. About 250 cadets are trained each year, with seniors having the opportunity to take the EMT course; more than 20 cadets earn state certification as EMTs each year. Successful graduates also receive a scholarship to any of the city's seven colleges.

**Lieutenant Josh Portie  
Austin, TX, FD**



For his work in educating the public on wildfire safety and awareness, Portie is commended in providing key leadership to motivate communities to take forward the message in becoming Firewise. As a result of Portie's efforts, AFD embarked on a door-hanger program and

held community engagement meetings which led to a lighter fire loss in those areas.

**Battalion Chief John Bradle  
Paterson, NJ, FD**

During Hurricane Sandy, firefighters were focused on tending to the community and its devastation, leaving little time to tend to their own loss. Chief Bradle mobilized a fully volunteer effort for the dozens of first responders and their families who had suffered during the disaster. While still maintaining duties and responsibilities on the job, Bradle and his team performed selfless acts of compassion and commitment to fellow members off duty for many weeks after the storm.

**Charles Tobias Jr.  
Paul Garnier  
Richard McClung  
Fresno, CA, FD**

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## COMMUNITY SERVICE

ers a unique service to children with disabilities during The Big Fresno Fair. The program partners firefighters with mentally and physically challenged children who were not otherwise able to enjoy the fair and its rides due to inaccessibility. The firefighters solicited funding and developed a budget so no financial impact was incurred. They attend to the needs and enjoyment of each special participant and family, including allowing parents to spend time with their other children.

## UNIT CITATIONS

### Austin, TX, FD

#### Engine 2, C Shift; Quint 1

On Nov. 12, 2012 at 1:30 A.M., Engine 2, C Shift, arrived at the scene of a heavily involved house fire. Conditions were ideal for flashover; heavy dark smoke charged and under pressure with high temperatures. However, crying family members were screaming that two children were still trapped. Following two-in two-out operation guidelines, crews hold fire while others search and remove one victim. A back-up team, Quint 1, joined to hold back the active flame front. Quint 1's crew entered the bedroom and removed the second victim from under the bed. The children continue their recovery.

### Chesapeake, VA, FD

#### Captain Brian Lee – Ladder 2

#### Lieutenant Jerry Bohn – Engine 3

#### Firefighter Kyle Billips – Engine 1

#### Firefighter Charles Cook Jr. – Ladder 2

#### Firefighter Kurt Johnson – Engine 3

Upon arrival, heavy smoke was rolling from the rear over the roof of the residence. One person was reported trapped. Engine 3 forced entry through the front door and found heavy fire conditions in the kitchen that had spread to the attic. Engine 1 arrived and assisted. A primary search by Ladder 2 found the victim unconscious in a bedroom, with no pulse. Lifesaving treatment was utilized by Medic 3 and the patient was revived. Unfortunately, he later succumbed to his injuries.

### FDNY

#### Swift Water 6

#### Lieutenant Robert E. LaRocco

#### Firefighter Thomas Fee

#### Firefighter Johnathan Hoffman

#### Firefighter Edward Morrison

#### Firefighter Christopher Rooney

#### Firefighter Michael Woods

Swift Water Team 6 was activated due to the threat of Hurricane Sandy. On Oct. 29, 2012, the team was returning to quarters at 7:30 P.M. when they observed fire two blocks east involving several buildings. Fanned by hurricane-force winds, the fire was spreading westward and with water levels approaching five feet could not be reached by apparatus. Upon arrival, the unit encountered panicky civilians trapped

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on the roof of several one-story buildings. Two victims, one on fire, jumped into the water and were pulled from the rapid water by Lieutenant Robert E. LaRocco and Firefighter Christopher Rooney. Firefighter Thomas Fee scaled an awning to the roof and assisted two victims to the boat. This position became untenable and Fee broke a window on a two-story exposure, made a bridge to span the alley with a door and led remaining victims to a rear apartment. Firefighters Edward Morrison, Michael Woods and Rooney entered the water (now approaching six feet) to force open the building's door; due to extremely strong currents, members needed to physically support each other to keep from being swept away. A human chain was made to pull remaining victims from the doorway through the currents to the boat. LaRocco placed himself between the fire and victims to shield them, sustaining second-degree burns. In total, 16 people were rescued. The blaze consumed two blocks of buildings.

### Johnson Creek, WI, Fire/EMS Dept.

On Aug. 30, 2012, at approximately 4:30 P.M., crews, led by Deputy Chief Jim Wolf, responded to the scene of a truss collapse at a construction site with one victim suffering serious head injuries. The team entered the collapse zone (with full equipment), removed the damaged truss and assessed and packaged the victim. Units were simultaneously securing the rest of the building. The patient survived.

### Prince George's County, MD, Fire/EMS Dept.

**Companies 801, 855, 849, 806 and 857; MD 844**

During the evening hours of June 1, 2012, units responded to a swiftwater rescue of three teenagers at the Anacostia River. Due to flash flooding brought on by heavy thunderstorms, the water was rising and hypothermic conditions were feared. Technical Rescue Team Members (TRTM) were called and they worked with Truck 801 to use its aerial as an an-

chor point to lower a rescuer down and use a haul system to bring the three victims back up for a successful rescue.

### Yakima, WA, FD

**Engine 92, A Shift; Engine 293**

Engine 92, A Shift, led by Lieutenant Don Dexter, was dispatched on Oct. 2, 2012, as a single apparatus to an automatic alarm. Upon arrival, smoke was showing from the mobile home and one victim was reported. Two crew members entered through a window while the pump operator utilized the hoseline. Engine 293 arrived and assisted with a chainsaw to cut the window and remove the wall. The patient was removed and transferred to the burn unit, where he recovered.

For full coverage of the 2012 Heroism & Community Service Awards program: [Firehouse.com/Heroism](http://Firehouse.com/Heroism) Stay tuned for 2013 forms to nominate *your* department!



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