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South Lake Tahoe Fire Rescue Annual Awards Ceremony

South Lake Tahoe, CA (February 3, 2016) - South Lake Tahoe Fire Rescue (SLTFR) had their annual awards ceremony on Friday January 29th, to celebrate the following accomplishments of the department in 2015.

- Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus's (SCBA) were purchased for all personnel with grant funding.
- Firefighters logged over 17,000 hours of training collectively. (Training is our #2 priority in our agency, with calls for services being our #1 priority.)
- Hired and trained 12 new EMTs and Paramedics, which are working closely with fire personnel to respond to emergencies and transport patients to their destinations.
- With the addition of 12 new EMT's and Paramedics, SLTFR is able to respond with three (3) people on each engine to every emergency, which is safer for them, and a greater help to those in need in our community.
- The City added 13 life-saving Automated External Defibrillators (AED) machines around the City, including the Senior Center, airport, and police patrol cars.
- The South Tahoe Action Team (STAT) was developed and recently completed its fifth training class to assist the community in the event of a major disaster in our City. For information to participate in upcoming classes, go to www.cityofslt.us/stat
- New fitness equipment was purchased in 2015 on a grant.

The following people were honored with awards for outstanding service in 2015;

Firefighter of the Year – Mike Mileski
Paramedic of the Year – Sophie Tetlow
Dispatcher of the Year – Linda Clark
STAT Volunteer of the Year – Leonard Smith

Fire Chief's Meritorious Awards were presented to Marty Creel, Kim George, Jody Benavidez, and Brenen Davis for their work on special projects.

South Lake Tahoe Fire Rescue is proud of the fine work our firefighters produced this year, especially with the support of our Fire Chief, Jeff Meston.

South Lake Tahoe Fire Rescue's Annual Report can be found on the City Website at www.cityofslt.us/fire.

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