

Tyrone Hawkins:

Tyrone started here roughly 2 years ago. He had no fire experience whatsoever, other than the handful of ride alongs with several departments on the central coast. He shows a great passion for this profession. He wants to earn the job not be handed the job. He is always the first to volunteer to do something. He is our Reserve Firefighter Coordinator and is always available day and night to address concerns or help drill scheduling. Respectful, he pays attention, listens intently, and takes notes. He response to call backs and is always willing to help the on-duty crews, even through this Pandemic. He has nearly completed his Firefighter 1 State Task Book.

Tyrone has shown an eagerness to learn and develop as a firefighter since even before becoming a Reserve. He did at least three civilian ride alongs with me in the couple years before becoming a reserve firefighter. Even then he showed an interest in learning about the job. Since becoming a Reserve he has shown an ability to learn the skills of being a firefighter despite having not been through a Fire Academy. He quickly caught up to his peers who had been through an Academy. He has demonstrated leadership in taking on the roll of Reserve Firefighter liaison, being the go between for Reserves and paid staff. His attendance to drills, station time, as well as special events and incidents while off duty has been exemplary. He has set a high standard and a great example to our other Reserve Firefighters.

This past summer Hawkins went out of county on E5431 as part of a Strike Team to the North Complex Incident and the Zogg Incident. We were on the assignment for 23 day. The entire time, he maintained a high level of enthusiasm, stayed eager to learn and kept a very positive attitude. He was a valued member of the team despite this being his first assignment to a major incident or going out of county. He was a key part in keeping morale high. Even the Strike Team Leader, a Battalion Chief from Sparks, Nevada, was impressed and had good things to say about him.

I support the nomination of Tyrone Hawkins as Monterey County Reserve Firefighter of the Year. He is a valued and selfless member of our department, the City of Marina, and Monterey County.

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