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Assoc. Board....

Gentlemen,

I would like to nominate DAVID HITCHCOCK for Fire Fighter of the Year.

Criteria #1: Dave has in excess of 20 years experience as a fire fighter. I have had the pleasure of having him as part of my crew for the last 3 or 4 years. During that time, we together, have been exposed to numerous situations where Dave had demonstrated his abilities. Never on any occasion has he failed to rise to the occasion. When there wasn't a clear cut answer, he was able to adapt, respond, suggest, and resolve or help resolve the problem. I have complete confidence in Dave as my Partner/fire fighter/ crew member in any situation that might be presented to us in emergency operations.

Criteria #2: Dave is heavily committed in the community. As far as I am concerned, he always extends himself and anyone who asks, and volunteers himself frequently to organizations. As an example; he is heavily committed to Gunderson High School in the PTA. He is the treasure, runs the "Snack Shack", and volunteers for most of the other special functions of the schools very busy man....

Criteria #3: Attitude around the Fire house: If you've ever had the pleasure of working with Dave around the fire house, you would definitely have to say that he is a "CAN DO" person. If there is something that needs to be done, you will see Dave there doing it. If you have a Probationary Fire Fighter, you will see Dave helping them in any way he can. If there is something that can be improved upon, Dave is there offering suggestions, and drawing up some kind of plan on how it might be done. Dave doesn't direct work, he does it. Super guy to have on your team!!!

Criteria #4: Contribution to the Fire District: Again, it goes without saying that Dave gives his all.... He is out Association Treasure and has been as long as I can remember. He is on the Dental Committee and with his Treasury duties, is always on the computer crunching number, making reports, or for the dental --- assisting personnel with their claims. In regards to the building of new stations ... Dave has involved himself with some of the distribution of equipment, problem solving with how to get things accomplished. Dave has spent many hours of his off duty time on some of these problems.

Criteria #5: Contribution to the Association: As Association Board Members, I really don't have to go into his involvement with the treasury, involvement if special projects, Easter egg, Christmas projects. etc., etc...

Summary..... If there was ever a person who should be nominated and voted FIRE FIGHTER OF THE YEAR, David Hitchcock should be the one.