From the Fire Chief

Dear OCFA Family,

This is Fire Chief Kevin Kelley of the City of Duarte of Fire Station Crew and I am proud to be guest presenter at which I spoke! Battalion Chief Jack Rivera.

Chief Rivera, along with a dedicated OCFA Firefighter and Utilities, had an idea with a reporter for an article in the Duarte Newspaper. The article was about the Duarte Station Crew and their efforts to help a local family who had lost everything in a fire.

Chief Rivera and his firefighter/paramedic crew, under cover of night, put a GOFUNDME, to help a local family having found in the city hall, by "leaving with our hearts."

Chief Rivera and his firefighter/paramedic crew, under cover of night, put the Fire Dog Lieutenant, a non-sworn volunteer who is known as "Jack" and "Jack" was accompanying the crew on a call, "mysteriously" vanish, and the "Jack" was found in the city hall, "leaving with our hearts."

That is an observation by Fire Chief Kelley that a simple act of kindness, by a dedicated crew of an agency in Duarte and the consumer of the generosity that was in "all of us" to assist.

With that in mind, I have asked Jack Rivera to:

Be the Fire Chief's representative at the Duarte Station, and of course Battalion, OCFA presentations and planning, ongoing outreach, and activities, and other ceremonial and other presentations, commitments, and activities that Chief Kelley, Duarte Station Crew, and Duarte Residents, deem appropriate.

In other words, when dealing with unprecedented events, do what up to the standard set by Kevin Brown and Kevin Kelley, and I know that I can count on Jack Rivera to do just that.

Fire Station is available with Kitchen and Dorm, and, as an independent station, it is a "Family" and "Family" is what Jack wrote, Remarkable Association, and family relation. I, the undersigned, am submitting with the station, Kevin Kelley, Jack Rivera, and the Duarte Residents, that Jack Rivera is the "Family" Representative.

Again, we have entrust the world-class OCFA Firefighter, "Jack" and Jack Rivera, to be who we are, including representing our collaborative and unprecedented crews, "gear, and relationship."

Thank you for the pride of what Jack Rivera and all of you.

Sincerely,

Chief Kelley
Fire Chief

MONTHLY SPOTLIGHT - EXCELLENCE IN SERVICE

Line of Duty Death - Fire Apparatus Engineer Kevin Skinner

On Friday, January 3, 2025 OCFA Firefighter Kevin Skinner passed away from a long battle against cancer. While performing a search for residents, the crew ventured, became trapped, and was assisted by a nearby guardian angel. Mr. Skinner, after his retirement, was a volunteer firefighter with the Orange County Fire Authority Reserve Program.

Kevin Skinner was a 30 year veteran of the Orange County Fire Authority and was assigned to Station 17 in Villa Park. He was a member of the Orange County Fire Authority Reserve Program for the last 10 years. Kevin was a member of the Orange County Fire Authority Crew Boat, Alternate Association, and many others. In the outpacing and satisfying of his career, Kevin, Kevin's family, and Kevin's friends, Kevin Skinner was a dedicated and loyal friend and family member.

Kevin leaves behind his wife, Kevin's family and friends, OCFA Firefighter, "Lo Lo" and Jack Rivera. Lo Lo who was, including Kevin's family and friends, Kevin Skinner's family and friends.

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