



Deputy Chief Mark Stormes with (from left) Tanzi Cole, Leticia Gonzalez and Rosemarie Barraza from the Fire Marshal's office.



Fire Chief's Group of Excellence Awards went to the Supply and Maintenance Division, Training Support Bureau Administrative Operations: Brent Balich, Erl Bernard, Eugene Bourgeault, Craig Mason, and Mark Pittman.



Chief Brian Cummings with honorees (from left) Kimi Kawashima, Jorge Sandoval and Jennifer Corona.



From left: Dan Thomas, Equipment, 3 years of City service; Mike Dunbar, Acting Auto Body Supervisor, 5 years; Ed Madrigal, 14 years, Club Member; and Guy Patenaude, Equipment Repair Supervisor, 24 years, Club Member.



Professional Employee of the Year Kimi Kawashima, Management Assistant, Club Member, with her boyfriend, Ben, and her dad, mom and sister.



Clerical Employee of the Year Jennifer Corona, Sr. Clerk Typist, with her son, Damion.



Rosie Keller, Secretary, 25 years of City service, Chief David Spence, 26 years



Seated, from left: Brent Balich, Heavy Duty Equip. Operator, 17 years of City service; and Mark Pittman, Heavy Duty Equip. Operator. Back: Craig Mason, Heavy Duty Equip. Operator; and Eugene Bourgeault, Heavy Duty Equip. Operator, 24 years.



Professional/Specialized Skills Employee of the Year Kimi Kawashima with Chief Brian Cummings.



Craig Mason, Heavy Duty Equipment Mechanic, Field Repair Shop, Supply and Maintenance Division.



Claro Diel, Management Analyst II, Fire Communications and Dispatch Support Section.



Clerical Employee of the Year Jennifer Corona with Chief Brian Cummings.



Jack Huang, Systems Analyst II, Network Operations Section.



Shop Maintenance Employee of the Year Jorge Sandoval with Chief Brian Cummings.



Steven Baldwin, Mechanical helper, Triple Heavy Shop, Supply and Maintenance Division.

LAFD

Civilians Honored

Fire Dept. hosts annual Civilian Employee Recognition Awards luncheon.



Story and photos by Debbie Schroyer, Club Counselor

On May 16, the LAFD held its annual Civilian Employee Recognition Luncheon at Taix restaurant near downtown. The Employee of the Year recognition is bestowed in three categories representing the major areas of civilian support: clerical, professional/specialized skills, and shop maintenance. In addition, Certificates of Special Recognition were awarded to deserving LAFD civilian employees.

This year, a group of five civilian members were selected to receive the Fire Chief's Group Award of Excellence.

The winners included:

- Professional Employee of the Year: Kimi Kawashima, Management Assistant;
- Clerical Employee of the Year Jennifer Corona, Sr. Clerk Typist;
- Shop Maintenance Employee of the Year: Jorge Sandoval;
- Fire Chief's Group of Excellence Awards: Supply and Maintenance Division, Training Support Bureau Administrative Operations – Brent Balich, Erl Bernard, Eugene Bourgeault, Craig Mason, and Mark Pittman;

Certificates of Special Recognition were awarded to:

- Jack Huang, Systems Analyst II, Network Operations Section;
- Claro Diel, Management Analyst II, Fire Communications and Dispatch Support Section;
- Steven Baldwin, Mechanical Helper, Triple Heavy Shop, Supply and Maintenance Division; and
- Craig Mason, Heavy Duty Equipment Mechanic, Field Repair Shop, Supply and Maintenance Division.

Congratulations to all the award recipients! *Special thanks to Judy Hom and Mary Rachael for their assistance.*



From left: Valerie Munoz, Sr. MAI, 27 years of City service, Club Member; Rachael Abad, Secretary, 6 years; and Frankie Balleza, Heavy Duty Equip. Mechanic, 10 years.



Daren Palacios, Chief Deputy, and Mary Rachael, Committee Chairwoman.



From left: Christine Ozuna, CT, 7 years of City service; and Emily Gutierrez, MAI, 30 years.



From left: Alex Khorchidian, Mechanic, 6 years of City service; and Kurt Ruiz, Mechanic, 6 years.



Chief Brian Cummings with (from left) Rosemarie Barraza, Sr. Management Analyst, 25 years of City service; Tanzi Cole, Secretary, 16 years, Club Member; and Leticia Gonzalez, Secretary, 15 years.