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GOLDER RANCH FIRE CHIEF RECOGNIZED AS FIRE CHIEF OF THE YEAR

Golder Ranch Fire Chief Randy Karrer has been recognized as Fire Chief of the Year by the Arizona Fire Chief's Association (AFCA). Chief Karrer was presented the award by Chief Gary Hatch, President of the AFCA, during the opening ceremony of the AFCA's annual conference in Glendale this morning.

Chief Karrer came to the Golder Ranch Fire District in 2009 and has built the reputation as an innovative leader within the organization and the fire service as a whole. Vice Chairman of the Golder Ranch Fire District Governing Board Steve Brady has this to say about Chief Karrer: "Chief Karrer works hard at every endeavor he undertakes. To be recognized by a group of his peers in this manner speaks very highly to the type of leader and person he is. On behalf of the entire board, we congratulate Chief Karrer and are very proud he is our Fire Chief."

"I cannot think of a more deserving Chief," commented Oro Valley Town Manager Greg Caton. "It is a pleasure to work with Chief Karrer and our community is very fortunate to be the recipient of his extraordinary service. He is a true public safety hero and we thank him for his dedicated service."

"I have the honor and privilege to work with Chief Randy Karrer and the Golder Ranch Fire Department on a daily basis," states Oro Valley Police Chief Daniel Sharp. "It is obvious from this recognition that Chief Karrer's peers see what I witness regularly. Chief Karrer is a consummate professional and I value his leadership in providing public safety to our community. I congratulate Chief Karrer on this well-deserved award."

"Congratulations Chief Karrer!" is the comment from Jae Dale, CEO of Oro Valley Hospital. "What a wonderful recognition from your fellow civil servants. Oro Valley Hospital is very fortunate to have Golder Ranch Fire District under your visionary leadership and we appreciate the opportunities to jointly provide our community with emergency and pro-active medical services."

Matt Gordon Golder Ranch Firefighter at Station 370, had this to say, "We are so honored, yet not surprised that Chief Karrer has been recognized for this achievement. Since his arrival at the GRFD he has been a conduit of positive change. Chief Karrer is a Rock Star." This was echoed by Golder Ranch Paramedic Randall Watts, "Chief Karrer has worked diligently to turn the GRFD into the premier fire district it is today."

All of us at Golder Ranch Fire District are very proud to have Chief Karrer as our Fire Chief and congratulate him on this tremendous recognition.

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