

RETIREMENT, RECOGNITION & PROMOTION CEREMONY

LOS ALAMOS FIRE DEPARTMENT



CROSSROADS CHURCH, 97 EAST ROAD, LOS ALAMOS, NM

JANUARY 14, 2023, 10:00 A.M.

*light refreshments served * event open to the public
to recognize service achievements/milestones
of personnel in 2022*

Ceremony

Presentation of Colors - Los Alamos Fire Department Honor Guard

Pledge of Allegiance – Deputy Fire Chief Wendy Servey

Invocation/Blessing – Chaplain Joe Dudziak

Welcome – Opening Remarks – Fire Chief Troy Hughes

Keynote Speaker – Senator Leo Jaramillo

Retirements in 2022 – Deputy Fire Chief Wendy Servey

Brief Remarks - Randall Ryti, Los Alamos County Councilor

Recognitions in 2022 – EMS Division Chief Chris Bartlett

Phoenix Award* Stork Award*

Brief Remarks - Anne Laurent, Deputy County Manager Los Alamos County

Promotions in 2022 – Fire Chief Troy Hughes

Blessing of the Badges – Chaplain Joe Dudziak

Family\Designee Badge Pinning & Photo Progression

Group Swearing in Oath of Office - Naomi Maestas County Clerk
Los Alamos County

Closing Remarks - Deputy Fire Chief Wendy Servey

Collection of Colors - Los Alamos Fire Department Honor Guard

Refreshments

Join us in the front lobby for light refreshments

Retirements in 2022

Captain Tracy Stidham, over *20 years of service.*

Captain John Napier, over *25 years of service.*

Driver Engineer Mike Montoya, over *25 years of service.*

Driver Engineer Travis Williams, *19 years of service.*

Howard Hall, Administrative Services, *5 years of service.*

Recognitions in 2022

Phoenix Award

Micah Brittle, Battalion Chief, 19 years of service.

Ray Gandara, Captain, 14 years of service.

Kevin Kamplain, Driver Engineer, 12 years of service.

Samuel Meyersick, Captain, 10 years of service.

Dennis Padilla, Firefighter, 3 years of service.

Christopher Rondeau, Captain, 11 years of service.

Brian Thomas, Firefighter, 1 years of service.

Noah Trujillo, Firefighter, 1 years of service.

Ryan Wolf, Firefighter, 6 years of service.

Phoenix Award –

Los Alamos Police Department Emergency Dispatchers

Susan Feiertag, Emergency Communications Specialist-II, 12 years of service.

Dispatcher Elenor Wiuff, Emergency Communications Specialist

Stork Award

Ernest Agnew, Captain, 17 years of service

Zane Frentheway, Firefighter, 12 years of service

Johnny Gonzales, Firefighter, 1 year of service

Scott Hoffmann, Driver Engineer, 19 years of service

Ruben Padilla, Firefighter Paramedic, 15 years of service

Challenge Coins

Sean Blanchfield, Firefighter, 19 years of service
Brett Henry, Firefighter, 13 years of service
Keith Henry, Driver Engineer, 16 years of service
Joshua Klose, Firefighter, 1 year of service
Kenneth Martinez, Driver Engineer, 10 years of service
Brian Thomas, Firefighter, 1 year of service
Joshua Urban, Firefighter, 6 years of service

Promotions in 2022

Family\Designee Badge Pinning Progression

To Deputy Fire Chief:

Wendy Servey, -- *field promotion date of 7/24/2022*

To Division Chief/Fire Marshal:

James Pepe, -- *field promotion date of 9/4/2022*

To Fire Captain:

Ray Barela, -- *field promotion date of 10/2/2022*

John Bialy, -- *field promotion date of 7/24/2022*

Colorado Cordova, -- *field promotion date of 9/18/2022*

Sam Meyersick, -- *field promotion date of 10/2/2022*

To Driver Engineer:

Dylan Mahoney, -- *field promotion date of 7/24/2022*

Michael Manzanares, -- *field promotion date of 10/30/2022*

Matt Rodriguez, -- *field promotion date of 10/30/2022*

Dustin Rogers, -- *field promotion date of 10/16/2022*

Retirements



Howard Hall last day was October 14, 2022, at fire administration with over 2 years of service with LAFD as Security & Administrative Services Manager. Mr. Hall moved over to the fire department in 2020 having previous spent over 3 years in Los Alamos County Human Resources.



Driver Engineer Michael Montoya last on-duty day was October 18, 2022, at Station 1-A Shift with over 25 years of service with LAFD. Driver Engineer Montoya served the department as an EMT, a member of the hazmat team, as well as officer for the labor union.



Captain John Napier last on-duty day was September 23, 2022, at Station 5-C Shift with over 25 years of service with LAFD. Captain Napier served the department as an EMT, a training officer for fire academies, a founding member of the hazmat team who participated in multiple hazmat challenges.



Captain Tracy Stidham last on-duty day was September 19, 2022, at Station 6-A Shift with over 20 years of service with the LAFD. Captain Stidham served the department as a paramedic, a member of the hazmat team and fire investigation/fire inspection specialty team.



Driver Engineer Travis Williams last day as November 10, 2022, at Station 3- C-Shift/Fire Administration with over 19 years of service with the LAFD. Driver engineer Williams served the department as an EMT and a member of the hazmat team specialty team. Travis oversaw the pre-plan software startup.

Phoenix Awards



Battalion Chief Micah Brittelle currently manages C-Shift operations and has over 19 years of service with the LAFD. Chief Brittelle serves the department in disciplines as an EMT-Intermediate, technical rescue, hazmat, and blue card incident command.



Captain Ray Gandara is currently assigned as the Support Officer (SO) on C-Shift Station 1. Captain Gandara has over 14 years of service with the LAFD. Captain Gandara serves the department as a paramedic, and a member of the technical rescue, Public Education & Community Outreach, and shift training specialty teams.



Driver Engineer (DE) Kevin Kamplain is currently assigned to C-Shift Station 1. DE Kamplain has over 12 years of service with the LAFD. DE Kamplain serves the department as a paramedic, and a member of the hazmat, technical rescue, and shift training specialty teams.



Captain Samuel Meyersick is currently assigned to C-Shift Station 4, with over 10 years of service with the LAFD. Captain Meyersick serves the department as an EMT, a member of the technical rescue and hazmat specialty teams.



Firefighter Dennis Padilla is currently assigned to C-Shift Station 1. FF Padilla has over 3 years of service with the LAFD. FF Padilla serves the department as an EMT and a member of the technical rescue specialty team.



Captain Christopher Rondeau currently assigned to C-Shift Station 1. Captain Rondeau has over 11 years of service with the LAFD. Captain Rondeau serves the department as a Paramedic, and a member of the hazmat specialty team.



Firefighter (FF) Brian Thomas is currently assigned to C-Shift Station 3. FF Thomas has a little over 1 year of service with the LAFD. FF Thomas serves the department as an EMT.



Firefighter Noah Trujillo is currently assigned to B-Shift Station 1. FF Trujillo has a little over 1 year of service to the LAFD. FF Thomas serves the department as an EMT.



Firefighter Ryan Wolf is currently assigned to the EMS Division in Fire Administration while he completes Paramedic School. FF Wolf has currently over 6 years of service with the LAFD. FF Wolf currently serves the department as an EMT-Intermediate.

Phoenix Awards

Los Alamos Police Department Emergency Dispatchers



Emergency Communications Specialist-II Susie Feiertag ECMS-II Feiertag has over 12 years of service with the Los Alamos County Consolidated Dispatch Center. Susie works as an assistant with updating the National Criminal Database.



Dispatcher-I Elenor Wiuff

Stork Awards

Los Alamos Fire Department First Responders



Captain Ernest Agnew is currently assigned to B-Shift Station 6. Captain Agnew has over years of service with over 17 years of service to the LAFD. Captain Agnew serves the department as an EMT-Intermediate. Captain Agnew also oversees the Aircraft Rescue and Firefighting (ARFF) program for LAFD.



Firefighter Zane Frentheway is currently assigned to B-Shift Station 6. FF Frentheway has over 12 years of service to the LAFD. FF Frentheway services the department as a paramedic and as a member of the hazmat specialty team.



Firefighter Johnny Gonzales is currently assigned to B-Shift Station 6. FF Gonzales has a little over 1 year of service with the LAFD. FF Gonzales serves the department as an EMT.



Driver Engineer Scott Hofmann is currently assigned to B-Shift Station 6. DE Hoffman has over 19 years of service with the LAFD. DE Hoffman serves the department as an EMT-Intermediate and as a member of the technical rescue specialty team.



Firefighter Ruben Padilla is currently assigned to B-Shift Station 6. FF Padilla has over 14 years of service with the LAFD. FF Padilla serves the department as a paramedic, and a member of the hazmat specialty team.

Challenge Coins



Firefighter Sean Blanchfield is currently assigned to C-Shift Station 3. FF Blanchfield has over 19 years of service with the LAFD. FF Blanchfield serves the department as a paramedic.



Firefighter Brett Henry is currently assigned to B-Shift Station 4. FF Henry has over 13 years of service with the LAFD. FF Henry serves the department as a paramedic and is a member of the fire investigation/inspection specialty team.



Driver Engineer Keith Henry is currently assigned to A-Shift Station 6. DE Henry over 16 years of service with the LAFD. DE Henry serves the department as an EMT-Intermediate and is a member of the fire investigation/inspection and honor guard specialty teams.



Firefighter Joshua Klose is currently assigned to B-Shift Station 4. FF Klose has over 8 months with the LAFD. FF Klose serves the department as an EMT-Intermediate.



Driver Engineer Kenneth Martinez is currently assigned to B-Shift Station 4, with over 10 years of service with the LAFD. DE Martinez serves the department as a paramedic and a member of the technical rescue specialty team.



Firefighter Brian Thomas is currently assigned to C-Shift Station 3. FF Thomas has a little over 1 year of service with the LAFD. FF Thomas serves the department as an EMT.



Firefighter Joshua Urban is currently assigned to B-Shift Station 4. FF Urban has 6 years of service with the LAFD. FF Urban serves the department as an EMT and a member of the public education/community outreach specialty team.

Chief Officer Promotions



Deputy Fire Chief Wendy Servey currently manages Fire Operations with 24 years of fire service with 16 years being with LAFD. Deputy Fire Chief Wendy Servey has served as a paramedic, fire marshal and holds a Bachelor of Science degree and Executive Fire Officer (EFO) designation from National Fire Academy.



Division Chief/Fire Marshal James Pepe currently manages the Los Alamos Fire Marshal's Office. Division Chief Pepe was promoted on September 4, 2022. Division Chief Pepe has over 17 years of service with the LAFD. Division Chief Pepe as served the department as a paramedic, and served on the hazmat, fire investigation/inspection and honor guard specialty teams.

Captain Promotions



Captain Raymond Barela promoted on October 2, 2022 and is currently assigned to Fire Administration. Captain Barela has over 11 years of service with the LAFD. Captain Barela serves the department as EMT-Intermediate, and a member of the technical rescue and shift training specialty teams.



Captain John Bialy promoted to on July 24, 2022. Captain Bialy is currently assigned to C-Shift Station 5. Captain Bialy has over 14 years of service with the LAFD. Captain Bialy serves the department as a paramedic, and a member of the hazmat, and shift training specialty teams.



Captain Colorado Cordova promoted on September 18, 2022. He is currently assigned to the Fire Marshal's Office and serves the department as a paramedic, and a member of the hazmat, fire investigation inspections, and the public education/community outreach specialty teams. Captain Cordova has over 17 years of service with the LAFD.



Captain Samuel Meyersick promoted on October 2, 2022 and is currently assigned to C-Shift Station 4. Captain Meyersick has over FF Padilla has over 10 years of service with the LAFD. Captain Meyersick serves the department as an EMT, and a member of the technical rescue and hazmat specialty teams.

Driver Engineer Promotions



Driver Engineer Dylan Mahoney promoted on July 24, 2022. DE Mahoney is currently assigned to C-Shift Station 6. DE Mahoney has over 12 years of service with the LAFD. DE Mahoney serves the department as a paramedic and a member of the hazmat specialty team.



Driver Engineer Michael Manzanares promoted on October 30, 2022. DE Manzanares is currently assigned to C-Shift Station 5. DE Manzanares has over 8 years of service to the LAFD. DE Manzanares serves the department as an EMT-Intermediate and as a member of the technical rescue specialty team.



Driver Engineer Matthew Rodriguez promoted on October 30, 2022. DE Rodriguez is currently assigned to A-Shift Station 1. DE Rodriguez has over 14 years of service with the LAFD. DE Rodriguez serves the department as an EMT-Intermediate and as a member of the technical rescue specialty team



Driver Engineer Dustin Rogers promoted on October 16, 2022. DE Rogers is currently assigned to C-Shift Station 1. DE Hoffman has over 10 years of service with the LAFD. DE Rogers serves the department as a paramedic and as a member of the technical rescue specialty team.

Civilian Promotions



Xavier Anderson promoted to **Senior Management Analyst** on October 16, 2022. Xavier Anderson has worked with the LAFD for over 4 years. His career began in fire suppression at Santa Fe County, the NM Department of Public Safety and the NM State Fire Marshal's Office, and later with NM Homeland Security. Xavier currently serves as the Accreditation Manager and oversees finance, budget and data management.



Ana Martinez selected as **Office Manager** in December 2022 and promoted effective January 8, 2023. Ana has worked with the LAFD for over 15 years. Ana is certified through the NM Procurement Association. She is the Veteran Affairs Benefits Certifying Official for LAFD.



Norma Jean Valdez promoted to **Security & Administrative Services Manager** on October 16, 2022. Norma has worked as a civilian in the fire service for nearly 40 years; holding several positions in LAFD since she joined the department in 1992. She currently serves as the Recipient Business Official for the Cooperative Agreement.

Oath of Office

I, [__state your name__], do solemnly swear that I will support the Constitution and Laws of the United States of America, the Constitution and Laws of the State of New Mexico and the Ordinances of Los Alamos County; that I will be obedient to the policies, orders, rules and regulations of Los Alamos Fire Department; and that I will faithfully and impartially execute the duties of a [__state your rank__] in which I am about to enter, to the best of my ability, so help me God.

Phoenix Award

The Phoenix Award recognizes first responders (fire, police, dispatchers) who participate in the chain of survival system who successfully bring back to life individuals who were in cardiac arrest and who make a full recovery from the incident.

The name of the Phoenix Award comes from the mythical bird that is reborn from its ashes unharmed.

Stork Award

The Stork Award recognizes first responders (fire, police, dispatchers) who participate in a team effort to successfully assist in the delivery of a baby in the field.

A special thanks to the families, friends, and colleagues of personnel being recognized. Without your unwavering support, we wouldn't be here today celebrating one of the most significant events in one's career.