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CVFD Announces Award Recipients

The Chino Valley Fire District is proud to recognize Carbon Canyon Fire Safe Council President Charles Blank and community member Peter Pirritano as the 2020 recipients of the Fred L. Burns Community Service Award. Both award recipients were instrumental in making the Chino Valley safer by dedicating their time and effort to community awareness, outreach, and education.

Mr. Blank has been a member of the Carbon Canyon Fire Safe Council for twelve years, and has served as the Council's president for ten of those years. He has been instrumental in preventing and minimizing the devastating effects of wildland fires through the bi-annual Brush Removal program that eradicates up to three tons of dead brush per session. He has helped organize multiple Wildfire Awareness Fairs, staffed information booths at community events, and spearheaded the removal of invasive plants in the creek area of the Summit Ranch neighborhood. He was instrumental in the designation of Carbon Canyon as a FireWise Community, the removal of dead brush and trees along Carbon Canyon Road, and serves as a liaison between the Fire District and Fire Safe Council.

Mr. Pirritano's belief in the Fire District's efforts to increase survival from sudden cardiac arrest and trauma prompted him to make multiple monetary donations to the Chino Valley Fire Foundation so that Automated External Defibrillators and trauma kits could be installed at no cost to local businesses and community groups throughout the Chino Valley. Mr. Pirritano donates his time to attend donation and training events, where he speaks with community members and the business community about his dedication to help fund public access medical equipment. The installation of multiple public access AEDs and trauma kits have helped the Fire District develop a more ready and resilient community in response to sudden cardiac arrest and trauma.

The Fred L. Burns Community Service Award was established to recognize an individual who has made a significant contribution to the Chino Valley Fire District in the area of furthering the District's Mission Statement and/or who has made a significant contribution to the Chino Valley Community in the area of community service in support of public safety.

The Chino Valley Fire District is proud to honor them for their work to keep our communities safer from the detrimental effects of wildfires, sudden cardiac arrest, and trauma.

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