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IAFC FOUNDATION ANNOUNCES 2020 SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

Chantilly, VA – The International Association of Fire Chiefs Foundation (IAFCF), committed to strengthening future leaders through higher education, announces its 2020 Scholarship award recipients. The Foundation is pleased to award forty-two (42) scholarships for 2020. This was made possible by the contributions and support of IAFC Foundation donors. Recipients of IAFC Foundation named scholarships are:

- **The Arthur J. Glatfelter Memorial Scholarships:** made possible by a generous endowment from the Glatfelter Insurance Group and VFIS, are presented to *Fire Chief Richard Cowger*, Columbus Rural Fire District #3 in Montana, *Captain Anthony Knight*, Evansville Fire Department in Indiana and Firefighter/Engine Driver Christina Snoots, St. Petersburg Fire/Rescue Department in Florida.
- **The Garry L. Briese Scholarship:** made possible with support from the Motorola Solutions Foundation, is presented to Firefighter/Paramedic *Alex Nunez*, Lincolnshire Riverwoods Fire District in Illinois.
- **The John M. Buckman, III Scholarship:** honors Chief John Buckman and is reserved for a volunteer furthering their fire service education, is presented to *Firefighter Robert Temple*, City of Greenville Fire Department in Ohio.
- **The Chief Charles A. “Chet” Henry Memorial Scholarship,** made possible with support from VFIS, for exceptional commitment to public service, is presented to Private *Rory Picker*, City of St. Charles Fire Department in Missouri.
- **IAFC President’s Scholarship:** honors IAFC Presidents and their support for aspiring leaders in the fire and emergency services, is presented to *Firefighter Michael Lowder*, Myrtle Beach Fire Department in South Carolina.
- **The Heather Westphal Memorial Scholarship:** created in memory of the IAFC’s Membership Marketing Manager and benefiting women in the fire service, is presented to Firefighter Candice Lockhart, Thomasville Fire Department in North Carolina.

In addition, the following individuals will receive educational scholarships:

- **Bryn Buhler**, Engineer, Ebbetts Pass Fire District (CA)
- **Jonathan Christensen**, Lieutenant, Manhattan Fire Protection District (IL)
- **Thomas Conley**, Firefighter/Paramedic, Dekalb Fire Department (IL)
- **Colin Ehlert**, Lieutenant, Fox Crossing Fire Department (WI)
- **Rami El Shareif**, Firefighter, Lemont Fire Protection District (IL)
- **Joshua Harris**, Captain, Peoria Fire Department (IL)
- **Thomas Kenvin**, Deputy Chief, Foxborough Fire & Rescue (MA)
- **Daniel Ryan Kincade**, Lieutenant, Wilmington Fire Department (PA)
- **Jason Kinlaw**, Assistant Chief, Navy Region Mid-Atlantic Fire & Emergency Services (VA)
- **John Kochergin**, Captain, Reno Fire (NV)
- **Dana Larkin**, Lieutenant, Camano Fire & Rescue (WA)
- **Steven Lozano**, Deputy Chief, San Diego Fire & Rescue Department (CA)
- **David McAdams**, Engineer, Colorado Springs Fire Department (CO)
- **Randall McCreadie**, Deputy Chief, Fairfield Fire Department (OH)
- **Michael Meyer**, Battalion Chief, Streamwood Fire Department (IL)
- **Ryan Moore**, Lieutenant, South Hadley Fire District (MA)
- **Colton O'Brien**, Firefighter/Paramedic, Richland Fire & Emergency Service (WA)
- **Suzanne Olson**, Captain, Superior Fire Department (WI)
- **William Poteat**, Lieutenant, Danville Fire Department (VA)
- **Lisa Richard**, Fire Prevention Officer, Caldwell Fire Department (ID)
- **Jeffery Ropers**, Engineer/Paramedic, North Palos Fire Protection District (IL)
- **Matt Simmons**, Fire Chief, City of Troy Fire Department (OH)
- **Jeffery Simon**, Firefighter/Paramedic, City of Sidney Fire Department (OH)
- **Bryan Sky-Eagle**, District Chief, Houston Fire Department (TX)
- **Shaun Stapleton**, Firefighter/Paramedic, Lake Zurich Fire Department (IL)
- **John Votteler**, Battalion Chief, Argonne Fire Department (IL)
- **Aron Whorf**, Firefighter /Paramedic, Glens Falls Fire Department (NY)
- **Johnnie Wiggins**, Lieutenant, Coweta County Fire Rescue (GA)
- **Ryan Wilson**, Firefighter/Paramedic, City of Dinuba Fire Department (CA)
- **Lou Wortel**, Lieutenant, Chicago Heights Fire Department (IL)
- **Christopher Young**, Assistant Chief, Liberty Fire (MO)

Fire Explorer Scholarship awards:

- **Braden Berridge**, Explorer Post 989 (MI)
- **Drew Weaver**, Explorer Post 343 (MA)
- **Denver Gould**, Explorer Post 242 (WI)

“The Foundation is pleased to assist these dedicated men and women in pursuing higher education to further strengthen their careers as fire and emergency services professionals,” stated Anthony P. Campisi, IAFCF President and President/CEO of Glatfelter Insurance Group.

The IAFC Foundation provides scholarships that make it possible for fire and EMS first responders to access the advanced learning opportunities necessary to prepare for today’s complex world. The scholarship awards made by the IAFC Foundation impact the fire service and communities by providing first responders with the educational opportunities they need to lead the fire service and serve and protect our citizens.

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