



COALINGA FIRE DEPARTMENT

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To: Marissa Trejo, City Manager

From: Greg DuPuis, Fire Chief

Re: Firefighter of the Year

It is my honor to announce Firefighter Emile Diaz De Leon as the City of Coalinga Firefighter of the Year for 2021.

Emile has been with the department since December of 2018 and exemplifies what a Coalinga Firefighter should be. Emile's dedication to the department is demonstrated in his daily activity. Not a moment goes by where Emile is not doing something to make the department better. Whether it is perfecting his own skills or helping others, volunteering for projects, to maintenance of apparatus equipment, Emile is constantly busy in between calls working at making the department better.

Emile has the desire to become a Paramedic for the department, so much so, that he is currently putting himself through paramedic school while working and supporting a family. He is always willing to help and has a passion for teaching others. During strike team season Emile was always the first one to pick up shifts and help the department maintain daily staffing. On multiple occasions Emile picked up shifts knowing that if we did not, we would have to down an ambulance. Emile did not want to reduce that service to the community so he would end up working.

Emile has earned this award through a nomination by his peers. According to his peers Emile is always ready to work and has a great attitude all the time. His dedication and professionalism are noticed and makes them all want to be better. He supports others to help them achieve their goals and supports the goals and vision of the department. Everything he does is either to better himself, the department, or the fire service as a whole.

Please join me in congratulating Emile Diaz De Leon as the 2021 City of Coalinga Firefighter of the Year.