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# Press Release

## **Firefighter/Reserve Firefighter of the Year.**

**Clarkdale, AZ May 20, 2011:**

**Firefighter Donny Minardi has been awarded 2010 Firefighter of the Year by his peers at Clarkdale Fire District.** “Donny stands for everything the Clarkdale Fire District stands for; he is dedicated, hard working, has a positive attitude and is always ready to serve others” stated Captain Matt Robertson, Donny’s supervisor. While presenting the award, Chief Moore noted Donny’s honesty and integrity.

Donny joined the district as a reserve firefighter July 10, 2008. In April 2010 he was promoted to full-time firefighter. Even before he was serving full-time, Donny took on extra responsibilities, including learning a complicated software program in order to update district maps. In addition to mapping, Donny is currently in charge of safety, communications equipment and reserve scheduling. Donny is a certified Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) and is a certified Rope Rescue Technician (Technician is the highest certification level of rope rescue and qualifies the individual to perform high angle and inverted rescue assignments). Donny is currently pursuing a college degree in fire science and was awarded the Yavapai College Careers and Technology Most Outstanding Student for 2011. Donny also serves as a Mentor with the Yavapai College Fire Academy and assists with the Emergency Medical Technician Basic class.

**Reserve Firefighter Patrick Wiatrolik was named 2010 Reserve of the Year.** Patrick has only been with the district since October 2010, however his co-workers cite his enthusiasm, willingness to serve and dedication to the job as the reasons he was chosen for this honor. “Patrick is always available when we need him; he loves to help people, internally and externally” stated Chief Moore.

Patrick is a certified Emergency Medical Technician (EMT). Patrick has an Associate of Arts Degree and is pursuing a Fire Science Degree. Patrick shares his knowledge with others by assisting with the Yavapai College Fire Academy and EMT-Basic classes.

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