



PROCLAMATION
ROOKIE OF THE YEAR
2018

LYLE SOUTHALL

Being a volunteer requires dedication of mind, body and spirit, as well as a significant contribution of time and energy. It is so rare to find all of these attributes in one individual right at the start of their career. Tonight, Big Sur Fire honors one of its newest probationary members who has already demonstrated all of these assets and more.

It has been slightly under a year since **Lyle** joined Big Sur Fire. He started out right away taking initiative and demonstrating our department values of respect, teamwork and integrity. He completed the first Big Sur Fire Basic Training Academy followed by the Emergency Medical Responder course. He also went out of his way and made time to travel and complete the State Certified Rope Rescue Course in Riverside, California representing Big Sur Fire with pride and professionalism. And finally, he completed the Wilderness First Responder course this fall. His attendance to both fire and rescue trainings have also been excellent.

Lyle started responding to incidents in May and quickly became an excellent resource for Big Sur Fire with his local knowledge and diverse skill set. He has also been a dependable voice on the radio available to respond at all hours of the day and night. **Lyle** has dedicated extra time after numerous trainings to help clean tools and equipment, wash apparatus and he is always willing to help with anything else that needs doing around the fire house. He represented Big Sur Fire well at the recent Jade Festival recruiting new members and selling vintage merchandise.

On behalf of the Board of Directors, the Officers and the Operational Members of Big Sur Fire, I am pleased to proclaim **Lyle Southall**, Rookie of the Year for 2018, with congratulations for a job well done.

Martha Karstens
Chief