



Honorary Firefighter of the Year 2019 Lana Weeks

Each year Big Sur Fire honors one of its members who has made an outstanding contribution to the organization and the community. This year we honor one of our members whose contribution has been nothing short of extraordinary. Please join me in the posthumous recognition of the late Lana Weeks as Big Sur Fire's 2019 Honorary Firefighter of the year.

Lana joined Big Sur Fire as a Board Member in 2015 and immediately saw the potential for this organization. Her background in non-profits and volunteering was going to prove invaluable to the organization she was falling in love with. She continued to learn as much as possible about what Big Sur Fire did and how she could help this organization and the firefighters succeed and flourish. She was so enthralled with Big Sur Fire that she dreamed of being a firefighter herself!

Lana was Big Sur Fire's biggest fan, dearest supporter, friend, mentor, and hero! She loved all of us and this organization so much that words cannot describe in enough detail. Lana embodied a kindness and compassion that was coupled with eternal optimism and enthusiasm that launched her into the upper echelons of fundraising with many non-profit groups.

Big Sur Fire had the great fortune of her presence on the Board of Directors and amongst the ranks of firefighters for four years. Lana advanced many programs within the organization including gaining compliance in the non-profit realm to the production of the Responder newsletter to the acquisition of many new tools and gear such as the rescue capstan and amazing infrared drone and lastly a fire-rescue UTV to be debuted in 2020. This was only the beginning in her eyes!

Lana will be deeply missed by Big Sur Fire and its membership, the Big Sur Community and numerous other organizations and individuals she positively influenced over the course of her all too short existence on this earth. May you rest in peace Firefighter Weeks...