

FIREFIGHTER OF THE YEAR  
LT. MIKE TAVALEZ

Lt Mike Tavalez joined the Southwest Adams County Fire Rescue in December 1999. Since that time, he has been involved with many activities most of which are concentrated on training. He not only trains our career firefighters but the reserves as well. His other activities include being part of our car seat tech team which provides proper installation of all types of car seats for families.

Mike is part of our fire investigation team which comprises 5 other individuals. He is always on call when needed. Mike joined our tech rescue team a few years and has been a positive asset to our group. He came up with funding to purchase our first rescue trailer which houses all of our specialty gear.

Mike sits on several committees for the fire department which includes the state credentialing program, the Colorado operations group and the Adcom task force. He also runs our citizen fire academy for our community involved citizens.

Mike Tavalez is one of those people who will do whatever it takes to get the job done. He is always looking to improve our department in any way he can. He constantly stays up on all of the new training techniques to make our job easier and safer.