

Southwest Adams County Fire Rescue
Firefighter Paramedic Verne Ullrich

[From the Westminster Window]

“Southwest Adams County medic Verne Ullrich also wants to help children. As a firefighter, he has helped raise money for several charitable organizations including Muscular Dystrophy. He also set up the department's safe haven program where mothers of newborns who can't take care of their child can drop them off at a fire station in the district without any consequences.

Ullrich, who joined the department in 2003, is also a volunteer firefighter with the Bennett Fire Department.

'I am honored that the Elks named me the Southwest Adams County Firefighter of the Year, especially since they just recently began recognizing firefighters from our department in the last four years,' Ullrich said.

'Verne is one of those people who will volunteer to do any job and get it done correctly and on time,' said Southwest Adams County Fire Chief George Ditolla. 'It's nice to be able to turn over a job to him and not have to worry about what the outcome will be.'

'I love my job. Being a firefighter you're always exposed to different things,' Ullrich said.

As a father of a 7-year old, it is really strikes home when a fire victim is a child.

'That's why I selected the Children's Hospital Burn Unit for Pediatrics for my charity (donation),' Ullrich said.”