



Arvada Fire Protection District

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TO: All News Outlets
FROM: Scott Pribble, Public Information Officer
RE: Fire Fighter of the Year

Kulp Named Fire Fighter of the Year

The Chief Staff of the Arvada Fire Protection District is proud to announce that Lieutenant Mike Kulp has been selected as Fire Fighter of the Year. The staff had several fire fighters that had been nominated for this honor and found the decision to be very difficult but they felt that Lt. Kulp had performed above and beyond what is expected of our personnel and deserved the award this year.

Mike was born in Denver, Colorado in 1967 and was raised in Arvada. The youngest of four children, Mike attended St. Anne's Elementary and graduated from Holy Family High School in 1986. In high school, Mike played football and wrestled. As a young boy, Mike had dreams of becoming a firefighter and after high school he went on to Northeastern Junior College and became an Emergency Medical Technician. Mike then went on to Red Rocks Community College to take Fire Science classes. In November of 1987, Mike became a volunteer firefighter at the age of nineteen for Arvada Fire Protection District. As a volunteer, Mike held the offices of Training Board representative and Personnel Board representative for his station.

While committing time and dedication as a volunteer firefighter, Mike worked at Nobel/Sysco for twelve years until his dream was realized when Arvada Fire Protection District became a combination department and he was hired as a Lieutenant in 1999. Mike remains a Lieutenant at Station 2, located at 12195 W 52nd Avenue. Mike's educational certifications and experience include EMT-B IV, Firefighter II, Driver Operator, Fire Officer I, Wildland Firefighter, Swift Water II, Ice Rescue Instructor, CPR and First Aid Instructor. Mike also served as President of Arvada Professional Firefighters Association Local 4056 from 2004 through 2006.

Mike has been married for eighteen years to his wife Tina and they have three wonderful children. Jonathan, 22, is serving in the Army National Guard, Lauryn 15, is a freshman at Ralston Valley High School, and their adopted son Austin 9, and is in third grade at Sierra Elementary. Mike and Tina have also provided foster care for fourteen years, caring for over 212 teenage girls. Mike is also enjoying a new experience of having his first grandchild, two year old Caiden.

Mike and Tina own and operate a successful real estate company together.

Mike enjoys golfing, bike riding, attending sporting events and is very involved with his family. He enjoys assisting the community with fundraisers and education.