

2009 Employees of the Year

Firefighter of the Year

Firefighter/Engineer Rehofus 'Bo' Norris was named the 2009 Fulltime Firefighter of the Year. Mr. Norris, or 'Bo', was selected for Firefighter of the Year because he is a self-motivated and caring individuals. Bo knows what he needs to do to advance himself in the Fire Sciences and is far from selfish. Bo helps others, even when someone has been discourteous to him, and is always willing to teach what he has learned. Bo has gained the trust of his peers, not because of his age, but because of his positive and lively attitude, knowledge in the field, his life experiences and natural inspiration for the job.



Captain of the Year

Captain Gary Goseyun Sr. was named 2009 Captain of the Year. Over the years Capt. Goseyun has sacrificed his time to respond to many incidents. That time can not be replaced. He has helped many people in his career. After all these years he is still in this business that is ever changing and ever growing. Yet, he still comes to work with a smile on his face regardless of the circumstance he may be in. The community of Cibecue is blessed to have him as one of their captains. He did not become a firefighter to be uplifted or to be praised for saving lives and property. No, he has chosen this profession to help make a difference in people's lives. He has chosen to take a stand, to place himself in harm's way, to serve and protect the Cibecue community, not with words, but with actions, and with his life.
Priceless!



Paid On Call Firefighter of the Year

Firefighter Daniel Metzger was selected as the 2009 POC Firefighter of the Year. Daniel Metzger was selected for his positive and friendly attitude and being a hard worker. Mr. Metzger was always willing to work and help out, even at last minute requests. While he worked, he was always positive and was friendly to all he worked with. Mr. Metzger is a person who does not take sides, has the ability to remain neutral and works as directed without hesitation or questioning. A trait one does not see too much of anymore. Mr. Metzger is a honesty and trust worthy person with strong work values and ethics that have benefited the organization.



All Around Firefighter of the Year

2009 All Around Firefighter of the Year presented to Firefighter/Engineer Rehofus Norris.

Fire Chief's Special Recognition Awards

Kateri Goseyun: As the Tribal Injury Prevention Specialist, Kateri has worked diligently pursuing her program's goal: preventing injuries to the residents of the Fort Apache Indian Reservation. She has promoted the Indian Health Service's "[Sleep Safe Program](#)", "[Ride Safe Program](#)", and "[Elderly Fall Prevention](#)", as well as our department's Fire Prevention Program. Kateri continues to work with the Police Department's Traffic Safety Unit in promoting the use of car seats and seat belts, and she has been very successful in recruiting firefighters to assist her in her endeavors. In addition to her regular duties she has been very active in organizing special events within the department and thereby promoting the moral of the staff.



Reagan Armstrong: Reagan has not yet had an opportunity to attend one of the local structure fire academies; however, this has not slowed him down. Although he has been a NWCG Certified Wildland Firefighter for several years he chose to attend and successfully completed the [Sycuan Wildland Fire Academy](#), a 21-day Marine Corps "boot camp" type academy, in southern California. He has been a very active recruit firefighter, spending a lot of time at the Whiteriver Fire Station allowing him to respond to calls and getting a lot of on-the-job training. He regularly volunteers to assist our department during special events and never hesitates to be Sparky, Snappy, or Buckle Bear. He has been a real asset to the Injury Prevention Program.

