

Community Service Award Nominees

Bennye Rice is a Mesquite Fire Corps (MFC) charter member since the Mesquite Fire Corps inception in 2008. Bennye has contributed a total of 35,213 hours of her own time serving the Mesquite Fire Department on call outs, along with Fire Department, and City events/incidents over her 10 years of service.

Bennye has held the secretary and/or treasurer MFC officer positions twice in her 10 years of service to Fire Corps.

Bennye is kind of the “mom” on scene and has spent countless hours at fire scenes assuring that the firefighters were taken care of. Bennye also jumps in and takes care of other Mesquite first responders during those times when Rehab1 has been requested, such as MPD and SWAT incidents.

It is normal for Bennye to spend hours on scene taking care of others and then when returning to the warehouse she will clean and re-stock Rehab1, take towels home to wash/dry, and bring them back to Rehab1 so they will be ready for the next call out.

Bennye is a member of RACES who are an integral part of communications in disasters. They maintain their ham radio license, perform net trainings, storm spot, work preparedness and city events, and assist with the siren tests each month.

George Rice is a Mesquite Fire Corps (MFC) charter member since the Mesquite Fire Corps inception in 2008. George has contributed a total of 24,658 hours of his own time serving the Mesquite Fire Department on call outs, Fire Department, and City events/incidents over his 10 years as a MFC volunteer.

George has held various Fire Corps board officer positions through the years including President and Vice President. He is one of only three drivers for the Rehab1 unit and helps maintain it, making sure all mechanics are working, and reports any issues for repair.

George also maintains the MFC Call Out Calendar, taking time each month to send out member emails, receive responses, and add those to the calendar for posting. He also does other admin duties including keeping members informed of all Mesquite Fire Corps events and call outs.

George is the unofficial photographer for Fire Corps, taking pictures of Fire Corps in action at events, incidents, call outs, and public education occasions.

Like Bennye, George is also a member of RACES performing amateur radio trainings and events for the Mesquite Fire Department and City of Mesquite.