

John Krall Award

July 21, 2012

This person has a long history volunteering in ordinary and extraordinary ways for our community. In fact, this is a history that is every bit as long as this person has lived here.

This person is known to every member of Arrowhead, if only by name, as his name has graced our website for years as well as a many issues of the Smoke Signals. One notable thing that this person shares with others we have honored with the John Krall Award, is the obvious willingness to step forward to fill places and positions that others felt were daunting, and to do this not for any self acclaim, but because, gee - it just needed to be done!

The following is taken directly from one of the nominations submitted for this deserving individual:

“ He served as the AVFD chief for three years, during which time he expanded training to ensure cross training of all AVFD personnel. He was fully supportive of medical first responder training.

He was responsible for acquiring the new fire truck in 2009.

During his tenure he was instrumental in acquiring, implementing and personally installing AED's throughout the subdivision.

He regularly attends community meetings in Gunnison for the fire protection district.

He has participated in various training activities, including ice training certification at Blue Mesa, Colorado Fire Camp Wildfire and pack certification, and First Responder Certification, all of which benefit our community.

He is president of the Arrowhead Fire protection District and is responsible for reports, communicating with DOLA, special district renewals and resolutions and following up on grants, as well as inventorying and documenting equipment and assets as required by the special district.

He helped establish by-laws for the AFPD, reviewed recommended modifications and executed a new AFPD lease with AIA for the Firehouse.

After the red fire truck was destroyed by fire, he followed up with the claim to obtain an insurance settlement, leading to a replacement vehicle.

He has been responsible for the organization of the July 4th picnic on several occasions.

He spent two volunteer days helping Donny Squirrell to find spring water company leaks in 2011.

He has volunteered countless hours to help with beetle kill prevention. Last year he worked 7 full days cutting beetle kill trees on common ground and hosted all workers for daily lunch. He also installed over 1200 MCH packs on common ground last year and is working on up to 1500 this year as I write this.

All this for no salary and at personal expense of time and materials, and with that stupid smile on his face.”

By now, I am more than certain that you all know that one of this year's John Krall Award winners is...

Kevin Stilley