

## Saluting Spokane Fire Department Firefighter Mike Forbes

WHEREAS, during the 2016 International Technical Rescue Symposium, Spokane Fire Department (SFD) firefighter **Mike Forbes** received the prestigious award “Best New Research of the Year” for his research that focused on the effects on escape systems from extreme fire behavior; and

WHEREAS, **Mike Forbes’** worth ethic, enthusiasm and knowledge in all aspects of his profession are second to none and he wholly embodies what the Spokane Fire Department strives to provide to its citizens everyday – “*Service and Protection through Excellence*”; and

WHEREAS, **Mike Forbes** was hired by Spokane Fire Department in 1999 and assigned to Station 4 in the Browne’s Addition neighborhood in 2001 and has been with the Technical Rescue Team since his initial assignment; and

WHEREAS, Spokane Fire Department’s Technical Rescue Team responds to rescue situations beyond the capabilities of the standard fire company and these extreme rescue situations include building collapse, confined-space rescue, trench/excavation emergencies, machinery rescue as well as high and low angle rope rescue operations; and

WHEREAS, the team is made up of 40 personnel with highly specialized rescue training and equipment responding from Station 15 in Hillyard and Station 4 in Browne’s Addition; and

WHEREAS, the team responds to all technical rescues within the City of Spokane and throughout Spokane County upon request and the team has been in existence for more than 20 years and in that time has responded to many high-profile and challenging rescue incidents; and

WHEREAS, the International Technical Rescue Symposium is the leading authority of professionals discussing up-to-date, state-of-the-art, technical rescue information and the Symposium gathers rescuers representing the areas of mountain, cave, fire, industrial, and swift water to discuss ways to improve safety and performance.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Spokane City Council that we hereby salute **MIKE FORBES** and the Spokane Fire Department's Technical Rescue for their incredible accomplishments and service to the citizens of Spokane.

I, Ben Stuckart, Spokane City Council President,  
do hereunto set my hand and  
cause the seal of the City of Spokane  
to be affixed this 28<sup>th</sup> day of November in 2016

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ben Stuckart". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Ben Stuckart  
Spokane City Council President