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Corbett Fire District Selects Award Winners

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On Feb. 8, 2020, the Corbett Fire District held its annual banquet at McMenamins Edgefield in Troutdale. For the first time in the history of the department, it recognized two individuals as Volunteer Firefighter of the Year. These awards are selected by members of the Corbett Volunteer Firefighters Association

Dave Selden, is a firefighter from the Springdale Station, was selected as Volunteer Firefighter of the Year. Dave has been a member since 2017 and responds to a high percentage of calls at that station. Fire Chief, Dave Flood, says that, “Dave Selden is highly reliable and frequently available for calls.” For a hobby Dave Selden runs marathons; he will use this talent to participate in the Firefighters Stairclimb to raise money for the Leukemia and Lymphomia Society. This event will be held in March, 2020.

Anthony DeBlock, who is an Engineer on Squad 62, is the other individual selected as Volunteer Firefighter of the Year. Anthony has been a member since 2010 and is employed as a machinist supervisor. Anthony spends a great deal of time training the firefighters and the new recruits. In addition, he brings his knowledge of rope skills to the calls that the district responds to in the Columbia Gorge. Fire Chief, Dave Flood, says that, “Anthony truly enjoys training and does an excellent job teaching classes.” Anthony will also participate in the Firefighters Stairclimb for Leukemia.

Troy Snelling, who has been a member of the department for over twenty years, was selected as Officer of The Year. Currently, Troy is the Captain of the Springdale Station. Because of his background in the automotive business, he uses this knowledge to teach the latest techniques in extricating individuals who are trapped in vehicle accidents. Fire Chief, Dave Flood, says that, “Troy is the go to guy for vehicle extrication in our department.”

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