



**THE AMERICAN LEGION**  
**DEPARTMENT OF WASHINGTON**  
**FIREFIGHTER OF THE YEAR APPLICATION**

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Candidates Name: JESS MOORE Cell Phone # [REDACTED] Email: [REDACTED]  
Home Address: [REDACTED] City: [REDACTED] Zip: [REDACTED]  
Nominating Post: 94 Post Commander: Rose Hodgeboom  
Commanders Phone #: [REDACTED] Email: [REDACTED]  
Post Address: PO Box 5639 City: hacey, WA Zip: 98509  
Agency Chief: [REDACTED] Phone #: [REDACTED]  
Agency Address: [REDACTED] City: [REDACTED] Zip: [REDACTED]

Please complete the answers to the below questions. Attach additional sheets of paper to fully explain your answers if needed. Also, attach all documentation that is available. If your candidate is selected as Firefighter of the Year you will be required to fill out additional applications so that the Firefighter can be put in for National Firefighter of the Year. The Law-and-Order Chair will assist you in this.

1. Why is candidate outstanding? Endorsed by his peers or superiors.
2. Did candidate commit and act of Valor? YES (X) NO ( ).
3. If an act of valor occurred and given publicity, please attach newspaper clippings, photos, or time and date of radio or TV coverage.
4. Has the candidate received local recognition from other organizations, including the Legion Post?
5. Has the Legion Post presented The American Legion Law & Order Certificate and or plaque?

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Post Commander: \_\_\_\_\_ Post #: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_

Candidates Name: Firefighter Jess Moore

Agencies Address: Lacey Fire District 3 - 1231 Franz Street Lacey, WA 90503

City Zip Code

Agency Phone #: (360) 528-2319

1. Why is candidate outstanding? Endorsed by his peers & supervisor. (See attached)

2. Did candidate commit an act of Valor? YES (X) NO ( )

3. If act was given publicity, please attach newspaper clippings, photos, website information. (See accommodation attached)

4. Has candidate received local recognition from other organizations, including legion Post? YES ( ) NO (X)

5. Has legion post presented The American Legion Firefighter Certificate or plaque? YES ( ) NO (X)

6. Has candidate completed the State requirements to be qualified as a Certified Fire Fighter? YES (X) NO ( )

Firefighter Jess Moore was hired by Lacey Fire District 3 in March of 2013. Over the past decade FF Moore has served this community in multiple capacities and with the most servient and humble approach. Please allow us a moment to express our accolades and recognition of Jess:

Lacey Fire District 3, and its membership, know Jess Moore to be an outstanding Firefighter and EMT. He is not only a craftsman in his day to day job duties, but is constantly striving to fine tune areas of specialty. Jess holds the certification in which he is responsible for training most of our membership in ongoing medical training. His co-workers love being instructed by FF Moore because he has the best attitude and a really unique dry wit to his humor and approach in connecting with others. He is an absolute team player that focuses on making the learning environment fun and engaging.

Jess Moore's talents go far above his ability to provide great instruction....he is also technically savvy in specialized disciplines. FF Moore is a Water Specialist and a Rapid Entry Rescue Swimmer Instructor. Jess's passion for all things water rescue has prepared him for the many responses that he has played a critical role in throughout his career. One specific call on Christmas Eve in 2020 FF Moore's contribution was especially memorable (please see the attached letter of commendation).

Outside of call response the Fire District's role is also to work with the public through safety presentations and awareness. Jess quickly became a fan favorite as his gift for public speaking and insertion of charism and flare during presentations. It is a pleasure to watch FF Moore navigate doing an engine tour with rambunctious kindergarteners one day and then the next teaching basic first aid and making connections with seniors from the community. Whatever unique group that Jess is connected with...he knocks it out of the park.

Firefighter Jess Moore is truly a gem of an employee at Lacey Fire District 3. Every single shift he brings his best self through his work ethic and optimistic attitude. He is constantly working on his craft and commits to going above in beyond both technically and through social interactions. He is our example of a great human and approaches his job with gusto and grace.



## LACEY FIRE DISTRICT THREE

*Service with Excellence*

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**FIRE CHIEF**  
Steve Brooks

To: Firefighter Jess Moore  
From: Lt. A.J. Paulsen  
Date: December 25, 2020  
Re: Actions on water rescue

The purpose of this letter is to formally recognize and commend you for your efforts during the water rescue event on December 24, 2020. Your skill and professionalism on this date were crucial in allowing for the best possible outcome for the situation presented to us.

At 1409 we were dispatched with District 8 to a report of an overturned kayak with a person in the water. The victim was able to call 911 and provide a basic location of where he was. Dispatch was able to get a Phase 2 location for him off his cell phone before the phone went off. The location we were given was approximately 5100 feet from 7600 Sandy Point Rd. NE. While enroute, the GPS coordinates from the Phase 2 were entered into Firefighter Hunter's phone giving as a snap shot of where the victim might be. The tide state was checked and confirmed to ebbing.

We arrived at Zittle's Marina at approximately 1430 where the Seadoos were launched in a rapid fashion. We proceeded out of the marina and headed toward the area of the GPS coordinates given to us. We searched the area for several minutes with no success in spotting the victim. We regrouped and headed toward Luhr beach area. You made contact with some other kayakers in an attempt to gain any further details of where the victim might be. We proceed to head north toward Anderson Island, with the idea that the tide state was going to be moving him north. Engine 83's crew advised that they believed they had sight of the victim using binoculars from Tolmie State Park. Engine 83's crew was able to direct us toward the victim who had drifted toward the area between Anderson Island and Devils Head. At 1502 we were able to get eyes on the victim, and moments later we were able to make contact with him. He was clinging to his partially submerged kayak with no lifejacket on wearing neoprene waders and a hoodie. The victim was so cold that he was unable to assist getting himself onto the Seadoo. You jumped in the water and assisted the very cold and tired victim onto my Seadoo. The victim was taken back to Zittle's Marina and turned over to Medic 6 and Engine 81 crews for treatment and transport to St. Peter's hospital. While the victim was being taken to the marina, you and firefighter Hunter retrieved the kayak and towed it back towards Tolmie State Park. The kayak proved to be a challenge to tow, but you were successful in turning the boat over to Engine 83's crew.

The LFD 3 Way... states that we have a Mission to provide "Service with Excellence" and a Vision, "To be trusted professionals in our community and experts in our field who specialize in emergency preparedness, prevention, and response ... Furthermore, the LFD 3 Way Guiding Principles challenges us to ensure, "Every day MUST be a learning day and should be conducted as if lives depend on its success, because they do." Your actions on December 24th were the embodiment of those ideals.



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Through your efforts on this rescue, Christmas Eve did not end tragically for this victim's family. I could not be prouder of you and our crew as a whole. Job well done!

Respectfully Submitted

A.J. Paulsen

Cc: Battalion Chief Tim Hulse, Battalion Chief Pat Ham  
Human Resources-personnel file.