



Crystal Lakes Fire Protection District

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A Legacy of Expertise, Dedication, and Compassion

Honoring Harold (Alex) Alexander A Remarkable Department Volunteer

Dedication to Service

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Fifteen years ago, Alex brought a wealth of firefighting experience and invaluable wisdom to the Crystal Lakes Volunteer Fire Department and District. By generously sharing his expertise and insights, Alex played a pivotal role in the Department and in supporting the chief's efforts to build and strengthen the foundation of the Volunteer Fire Department.

As a dedicated firefighter and first responder, he was indispensable in ensuring that the Department consistently met the community's emergency safety needs. Alex's commitment to kindly teaching others the essential skills and competencies of fire service was truly inspiring, leaving a lasting legacy of excellence and service. He devoted significant time to training and responded to countless emergency calls, providing valuable support during some of the Department's and community's most challenging times.

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Speech by CLFPD Board President Robin Lauric in Honor of Retiring Department Member Alex Alexander -December 2025



Expertise in Apparatus & Station Maintenance

Alex's expertise and commitment in caring for and maintaining the District station, apparatus, and communication systems were unmatched. He was instrumental in procuring maps, getting the Department radio-ready, and setting up the Fire Department's communication command room. His deep understanding of the intricacies of the District's equipment and the safety needs of his fellow first responders ensured that the District remained prepared and ready for any emergency. Over the years, Alex assisted the District with purchasing and selling some of its most critical assets. He ensured that first responders had emergency lights properly installed on their vehicles. And he could always be found conducting routine maintenance or handling unexpected repairs on apparatus. He upgraded systems—such as changing the manual valves to electronic valves on engine and tender—especially when it made firefighting easier for his fellow firefighters. Alex approached all of his work with meticulous attention to detail, as seen in the thousands of reflective dots he meticulously applied to the back end of the engine. He did anything that would improve response times and make things easier and more efficient for his fellow firefighters. We are deeply grateful to him for being one of our greatest assets.

Creative Talents

Beyond his technical skills, Alex enriched our District and Department through his creative contributions. He designed the distinctive emblem that proudly symbolizes the resilient spirit and pride of the Crystal Lakes Fire Protection District. His artistry was also evident in the beautiful wood engravings he crafted for members of our District Board, Volunteer Fire Department, and CL FIRES. Each piece stood as a testament to his kindness, skill, and commitment to making people feel valued. Alex gladly volunteered his time and talents to create these works, celebrating and honoring those around him.

Compassion

One of Alex's most cherished characteristics has always been his unwavering willingness to assist anyone, at any time. No request was ever too small or too large, nor any hour too early or too late. Alex was always there for his fellow firefighters, Board members, and community neighbors alike. His kindness, compassion, and generosity helped create a culture of support and respect. Alex also enthusiastically supported and engaged in community endeavors on behalf of the Department.



Leadership and Board Service

In addition to his service as a firefighter and first responder, Alex played a vital role as a member of the District Board of Directors. His tenure on the Board was marked by thoughtful leadership, dedication, and a commitment to the well-being of our community. Alex consistently offered valuable perspectives, especially on the assets of the District, and showed genuine concern for the needs of the Crystal Lakes Fire District. Whether he was officially serving on the Board or participating as a supportive attendee, Alex enriched Board meetings with insightful contributions and unwavering support. Alex's dedication and integrity as a board member left an enduring legacy.

Community Spirit

Alex's dedication extended far beyond the walls of the Fire House. His community spirit shone brightly—whether donning the blue suit to play Santa Claus for CL FIRES, or lending a hand at Fourth of July events, Alex brought joy, warmth, and a sense of belonging to every occasion. He embodied the values that made Crystal Lakes such a special place to live and serve.

Closing

Alex, tonight we celebrate your extraordinary legacy. On behalf of the Crystal Lakes Fire Protection District and the community, we offer our deepest gratitude for your years of selfless service, your expertise, your creativity, and your kindness. Your impact will be felt for generations, and your example will continue to inspire us all. As you retire from active service, we wish you happiness, good health, and fulfillment in all that lies ahead. May you look back with pride, knowing you have truly made a difference. Thank you, Alex, and congratulations on your well-deserved retirement!

