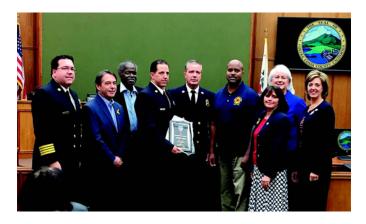


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Fire Chief Jeff Carman presented the 2015 Contra Costa County Fire Protection District Firefighter of the Year award to firefighter-paramedic Vinnie Aiello at the Nov. 10 board of directors meeting.

"Everyone here has taught me a great work ethic," said Aiello, speaking to the board, district staff and friends and family. "A day doesn't go by that I don't appreciate and respect that work ethic for the fire department. And I'm going to continue that work ethic until the day I retire."

Carman cited Aiello's mentorship of firefighters - from probationary cadets to veterans - as a key factor that supported his selection. N. Marnell

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