

## TUBAC FIRE DISTRICT

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## TUBAC FIRE DISTRICT PROMOTES THREE FIREFIGHTERS TO PARAMEDIC II POSITIONS







Ricky Rodriguez



**Rudy Romero** 

**Tubac, AZ (March, 2021)** – Three firefighter/paramedics have been promoted to Paramedic II positions. Tubac Fire District Paramedic II candidates participated in a testing process that included a role play, tactical simulation, oral board interview, and written exercise. Esai Tapia, Ricky Rodriguez, and Rudy Romero completed the testing process successfully and have been promoted to the Paramedic II position.

"The Paramedic II position is a newly created position within our fire district. The Paramedic II position will serve under the supervision of the shift Captain, assisting with operational response and administrative oversight. I am proud of the performance of Esai, Ricky, and Rudy and know they will each add much-needed assistance to the shift Captains in daily operations of our four fire stations," stated Fire Chief Cheryl Horvath.

Esai Tapia started with the Tubac Fire District in 2014 as a reserve Firefighter. He became full-time with the District in 2016 and recently completed the Pima Community College Paramedic program, graduating as a National Registry Paramedic. Esai is passionate about training and has taken the lead training the department in hose deployment operations and new ambulance orientation.

Ricky Rodriguez is a 17-year veteran paramedic with Tubac Fire District, starting his career as a reserve Firefighter with TFD in 2002. Ricky is frequently commended for his exceptional public service to the Tubac community and is a mentor for new paramedics in TFD medical operations.

Rudy Romero has been with Tubac Fire District since 2017 and is also a recent graduate of the PCC Paramedic program and certified National Registry Paramedic. Rudy assists with many of the District's logistical and training needs. He was very involved this past

year in purchasing and implementing decontamination equipment specific to the COVID protections needed for District personnel. "I am happy to be taking on a new position and fulfilling the needs of not only the District but also the residents," stated Rudy Romero.

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## **About Tubac Fire District**

Established in 1974 and operating out of four fire stations, the Tubac Fire District provides fire and emergency medical services, which include fire suppression & wildland firefighting, emergency medical response, rescue, fire prevention, public education and a host of non-emergency services such as venomous creature removal.

Currently deploying normal daily operational staffing of 8 personnel, the District responds to approximately 1600 calls per year. TFD provides service with a Type I engine, an ALS/BLS ambulance, one water tender, and one Type 6 brush truck operating out of each fire station.

The District administrative office is located at 2227 E. Frontage Road; this location is also home to TFD Station 1. Station 2 is located at 1360 W. Frontage Road in Rio Rico; Station 3 at 333 Camino Josefina in Rio Rico; and Station 4 at 149 Ruta Camaron in Rio Rico.

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