

City Manager Leadership Award for January goes to Capt. Noceti

City Manager Lori Ann Farrell Harrison presented Fire Capt. Joseph Noceti with the City Manager Leadership Award for the month of January.

“Capt. Noceti has been an instrumental part of the collective city team in our response to the COVID-19 pandemic and his guidance and leadership has been invaluable to me as we navigated through this difficult time,” Farrell Harrison said. “I’m delighted to be able to present him with this well-deserved award.”

Noceti began his career with CMFR on Aug. 3, 1997. During his tenure with the department, he has served in a variety of areas, including the Tool and Equipment Committee, the Apparatus Committee, SOP Committee, Academy Cadre, Explorer Advisor and his current role as Training Officer.

Captain Noceti continues to do an outstanding job serving as the department’s Training Captain, with a number of additional areas he contributes his strong talents to, including serving as the primary Fire & Rescue PIO and as the current President of the Orange County Fire Chiefs Training Officers Section

Captain Noceti is also highly regarded and respected as an exceptional teacher, coach and mentor to many, helping to prepare our next generation of firefighters and leaders.”

Noceti was born in Torrance, CA. One of three children, Noceti has an older brother and a younger sister. His mother worked as a cafeteria clerk at the school he attended and his dad was a tug boat captain.

Noceti attended San Pedro High School and after graduation went on to attend Los Angeles Harbor College for his Associate of Science in Fire Technology. Noceti then continued his studies at Brandman University where he earned his Bachelor of Arts in Organizational Leadership proceeded by a Masters in Management and Homeland Security from Arizona State University.

When asked if he always wanted to be a firefighter, Noceti said, "I wanted to do something different from the rest of my family, who all worked on the water front, that was the norm."

One day after work, Noceti knocked on the door of a fire station to ask some questions and shortly after that, became a fire explorer. Noceti attributes the fire explorer program with showing him how a career in helping people and making a difference could feel meaningful.

Proceeding the explorer program, Noceti did a ride along with the LA Fire Department at the age of 17 and he knew a career in the fire service was what he wanted.