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## San Juan Island Fire Department Announces July and August 2019 Firefighters of the Month

FRIDAY HARBOR, WA -- The San Juan Island Fire and Rescue Department is proud to announce the July and August 2019 Firefighters of the Month.

Firefighter Missy Arata was selected as July Firefighter of the Month. Missy was selected for her outstanding contribution of time in preparing wildland fire equipment and ensuring readiness for the summer wildland season. Missy has always been eager to help and ready to work. Missy has plenty of firefighting experience which she humbly shares. Her contribution of time and experience has been a great asset to San Juan Island Fire and Rescue.

Our August Firefighter of the Month is longtime volunteer Brooke Sevier. Brooke is a very active member and performs multiple roles for the department including being a firefighter, driver, marine officer and fire boat operator. He is a very consistent, active and supportive firefighter serving our community. He doesn't look for recognition and Brooke does things just because they need to be done and because, as he says, "It's just the right thing to do."

The Fire Commissioners and Chief Collins are grateful for all Missy Arata and Brooke Sevier do for our community and for San Juan Island Fire and Rescue. We congratulate Missy and Brooke for their dedication and for their volunteer service.

(EDITORS NOTE: Two JPG formatted photographs attached. One photograph is Firefighter Missy Arata (standing look towards camera) and the other is Firefighter Brooke Sevier (Back to camera delivering water onto a fire.)

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The San Juan Island Fire & Rescue was established on October 6, 1958. The fire department covers about 55 square miles, includes all of San Juan Island, as well as Brown and Pearl Islands. For more information, please visit http://www.sjifire.org/