

# 14 CAL FIRE firefighters receive Medal of Valor from Governor

December 5, 2006 Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger awarded 14 CAL FIRE firefighters the highest public servant honor, the Governor's Medal of Valor, for demonstrating extraordinary bravery and heroism in saving a life. The 2006 recipients included Timothy Main, James Rajskup, Robert F. Green,



William (Bill) F. Mason, James Rissmiller, William R. Clayton, Kevin O'Leary, Patti K. West, David W. Junette, Thomas McConnel, Joseph W. Waterman, Tena G. Anderson, Fredrick Westrip, and Raymond Chaney. Since the Medal of Valor program began in 1959, a total of 75 medals have been awarded to CAL FIRE employees.

*Photo by Alisha Herring*

## Sawtooth Complex - July 2006

The Sawtooth Complex raged east of Yucca Valley in the San Bernardino Unit from July 9 - 19. The lightning caused fire consumed over 61,000 acres and destroyed approximately 50 homes, 171 outbuildings, and 191 automobiles. At the height of the fire nearly 3,000 firefighters were on scene battling the blaze.



*Photos by Wes Schultz*