

YEAR ROUND AWARDS

● DIRECTOR'S RECOGNITION FOR SPECIAL COMMENDATION

Purpose and Criteria: The Director's Special Commendations are given to an individual or team effort that makes a significant contribution toward the accomplishment of the mission and goals of the Department. Efforts recognized by this certificate stand far above the norm, are substantial in impact and worthy of recognition at the Director's level

● DIRECTOR'S RECOGNITION FOR SPECIAL ACT OR SPECIAL SERVICE

Purpose and Criteria: The Director's Recognition for Special Act or Special Service award is given for an extraordinary act of heroism by a Department employee extending far above the normal call of duty or service performed at great risk to his/her own safety or life, in an effort to save human life and/or property.

Who can nominate for these awards: All State Parks employees.

Nominations accepted until December 31 for 2007 accomplishments.

See the State Parks Intranet site for more details about the award and for nomination forms. Click on *Document Library* link.

http://isearch.parks.ca.gov/default.asp?page_id=760

Director's Recognition Awards Program



PAST EXAMPLES SPECIAL COMMENDATION

- A State Parks employee contributed to the enhancement and preservation of Colonel Allensworth State Historic Park by dedicating countless hours of travel and volunteer time in addition to their normal work week.
- A State Parks employee implemented the departments' facility maintenance computer program, which addressed facility budgetary needs. This program implementation had been a long term goal and will have a lasting, positive impact.

SPECIAL ACT OR SPECIAL SERVICE

- Disregarding their own safety and comfort, State Parks employees and local volunteers saved the historically precious Weaverville Joss House (an 1874 wooden Taoist Temple) and its contents from a wildfire.
- A ranger initiated and led a community task force to address a statewide auto burglary problem in State Parks. The task force brought together over 18 agencies to gather details and intelligence, which ultimately led to the arrest and conviction of the person responsible.