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Hayward Area Recreation and Park District **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

Act of Heroism Prevents Fire from Doing More Damage

The District's Park Caretaker Keith Faber recognized

Hayward, CA (February 25, 2015) – The Hayward Area Recreation and Park District (H.A.R.D.) and the Alameda County Fire Department (ACFD) is proud to honor and recognize employee Keith Faber for his heroic efforts for assisting with a serious residential garage fire in Castro Valley on November 25, 2014.

Mr. Faber was working at a local park in Castro Valley when he saw a cloud of smoke coming from a residential property on Mountain Court. Mr. Faber quickly sprang into action and went to the location where he found a garage fire that was increasing in size.

Upon arrival, Mr. Faber ensured that there were no occupants in the home and surveyed the area by removing a nearby gas can as well as made efforts to keep the fire at bay until the fire department arrived. Mr. Faber was instrumental in preventing the fire from reaching the main part of the house restricting the fire to the garage which was completely damaged. Additionally, Mr. Faber's quick thinking resulted having the neighbor's calling 911 and taking photos of the scene.

Mr. Faber received a letter of appreciation for his heroic efforts from the Alameda County Fire Department's Division Chief of Special Operations, Chip Anderson and was also honored for his heroism by the District's Board of Directors with a Special Recognition and Commendation Award at the bi-weekly meeting on February 23, 2015.

The District is thankful and proud of Mr. Faber's action by preventing a situation that could have resulted in much worse consequences for the community and for the residents of Mountain Court.

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