

**Colorado Springs Chapter, CO Article for Officer Review Magazine**

**TITLE: COS MOWW Recognizes Fire Chief Randy Royal**

The Colorado Springs (COS), Colorado Chapter of MOWW was honored to award the Silver Patrick Henry Medal to Colorado Springs Fire Department (CSFD) Chief Randy Royal during our 29 August Companion Meeting. Chief Royal joined CSFD in 1987 and has worked in emergency services for over 42 years, with 28 of those as a paramedic. He has led the Department as Fire Chief since 2021 and has launched numerous programs and projects, including the Tactical Emergency Medical Program, early Hazmat and Tox-medic programs, and led the COVID 19 Pandemic Taskforce. He is most proud of being recognized for his role in the CSFD's firefighting efforts during the Castle West Apartment, Waldo Canyon, and Black Forest fires. Chief Royal was also recently named International Fire Chief of the Year by the International Association of Fire Chiefs (IAFC). He also provided an interesting perspective on the evolution of fire prevention, mitigation, and firefighting during his presentation. His service as a First Responder for four decades, culminating in his leadership of the CSFD is the epitome of the MOWW motto, "It is Nobler to Serve, than to be Served".



Colonel Kerm Neal presents the Silver Patrick Henry Award to Colorado Springs Fire Chief Randy Royal