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Wendi Miller Honored as Menifee's Outstanding Citizen of the Year

Menifee, CA – CAL FIRE/Riverside County Fire Department Captain, Wendi Miller was recognized as Menifee's Outstanding Citizen of the Year at a Jan. 15 City Council meeting. Flanked by fellow firefighters, along with City Manager Armando Villa and the Menifee City Councilmembers, Miller accepted the award in a tearful tribute.

Miller, a 25-year veteran of CAL FIRE/Riverside County Fire Department was diagnosed with an aggressive form of cancer in January of 2018. Since that time, she has fought bravely and surpassed expectations. "As of today, I am as close to being in remission as I can be," said Miller. "When they first said I had brain lesions, they gave me two months without treatment, and 4 to 7 months with treatment. I am on month 9, so I am surpassing everything," she concluded to a thunderous ovation.

Miller has also been a valued community member in addition to her public service as a veteran firefighter. She has worked to help the homeless population and is also part of the Peer Counseling Support Team, which offers support to those suffering from Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder and other stress and emotional issues.

District 3 Councilwoman Lesa Sobek, who originally nominated Miller as an Outstanding Citizen of the Month, presented the proclamation and praised Miller for her community involvement and perseverance. "Sometimes, a Supervisor or a Senator will reach out to us and they would like to know of a citizen they can honor," said Sobek. "As our Citizen of the Year, you will go on to represent our City and be honored. We are so grateful that you are here with us tonight and we congratulate you on being named Menifee's 2019 Citizen of the Year!"

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ABOUT MENIFEE: *Situated in the heart of southern Riverside County along Interstate 215, Menifee is a vibrant, new city of more than 94,000 residents who enjoy a pleasant year-round climate, abundant recreational offerings, reasonably priced housing and convenient proximity to some of Southern California's premiere attractions and employment centers. Within its 50 square miles, Menifee's business, retail and entertainment outlets are starting to shape the community's character and this growing economic base is also contributing favorably to the city's strong financial position. Menifee's growing family-oriented population values the city's ongoing commitment to public safety, community events and smart growth for the future. All of these elements are working together to support the city's strategic vision to make Menifee one of the state's most promising new cities.*