



## Community Service Award: Staff

### Mark Zakhour

Physical Planning and Facilities Management

**M**ark Zakhour, Senior Construction Manager for Physical Planning and Facilities Management, has served his community for four years as a reserve firefighter/EMT with the Orange County Fire Authority (OCFA).

Zakhour responds to all types of emergency calls including fires, medical aids, traffic collisions and hazardous materials incidents.

With his unit serving as part of the front line for the OCFA, Zakhour is on call three times a week for 12 hour shifts. He has fought some of the largest wildfires in Orange County, including the Freeway Complex Fire, Santiago Fire, and the Windy Ridge Fire, and has been a three-time recipient of OCFA's Major Incident Citation Award for his actions during large wildfires. Zakhour also mentors and trains new reserve firefighters, is a qualified driver operator, and has completed company officer certification.

In addition to his volunteer work as a reserve firefighter, Zakhour is actively involved in community events such as the Spark of Love Toy Drive, Irvine Family Fun Fair, Red Ribbon Pizza Delivery Night, Children's Hospital of Orange County, Epilepsy Alliance for Orange County, Habitat for Humanity and National Night Out. He also worked as a volunteer firefighter for the Joint Forces Army Reserve Base in Los Alamitos for one year.

Zakhour is a dedicated and respected staff member at CSULB, working in major capital projects where he is currently overseeing the construction of the Hall of Science and the Student Recreation and Wellness Center. He came to CSULB as a consultant with the construction management team almost seven years ago and was hired as an employee two years later. Since then, Zakhour has worked on a variety of projects including the Pyramid Annex, Parking Structures 2 and 3, the Library renovation, and the Student Athletic Services Remodel. Those working with Zakhour describe him as an intelligent individual who is humble and generous, as well as passionate and enthusiastic about his job.