

# Tanja Tanner Goodyear Fire Department

### What do you do:

I have been with the city of Goodyear for 23 years—16 years as a full-time employee, four part-time and three as a volunteer. I am the Community Education Coordinator, so I coordinate fire and life safety programs for schools and businesses, for children, teens, adults and high-risk groups.

#### Favorite thing about working for the city:

I've not only witnessed the city's growth over the past 23 years, I grew too. The city provided tuition reimbursement that encouraged me to get a college degree and the opportunity to participate in Leadership West. The city also supports my participation in state organizations, like Arizona Fire & Burn Educators Association and Arizona Fire School, and to represent Arizona on the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) public education network.

#### Favorite core value:

Innovation. The Goodyear Fire Department is known for a fire truck and crew that shows up when someone is not having a good day! (*Reaction*) In the education world, we rely on innovative ways to reach the public in hopes to make behavior change and have a safer community. (*Prevention*) I know I cannot prevent all emergency calls, but if I can help prevent death and/or a lifethreating injury with a silly puppet video or by promoting a home safety survey, then I made a difference for that person!





## **Fun Facts**

What did you want to be when you grew up:

In the U.S. Air Force

Childhood nickname: TJ

**Favorite restaurant:** 

Pappadeaux Seafood/Southern Food

**Dream vacation:** 

Belize with a hut over water and umbrella drinks!

**Favorite movie:** The Wizard of Oz