Institution of the Extremen

When the San Jose Fire Department created a 30-man paid force in the 1870s, professional or not, they could not handle the workload of its original volunteer force. The institution of the paid volunteer, or “extraman”, was created to fill the gap. A civilian with his own full-time employment, the extraman was assigned to respond to fires with a particular company whenever the alarm sounded. For this service, he was paid a nominal salary. The San Jose Fire Museum (SJFM) Board of Directors approved the use this institution as the official means of receiving donations from active and retired San Jose Firefighters and to recognize their support for saving and preserving our history.

The SJFM is honored to announce that we now have 361 active and retired San Jose Firefighters who are a part of the "Institution of the Extremen" Program. As shown below, there are 8 levels of Rank Recognition in this program.

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There are currently 374 members at the Extremen Rank. This information is accurate through the end of December 2019. The SJFM thanks all the active and retired San Jose Firefighters for their support and believing in our goal of saving and preserving the history of the San Jose Fire Department.
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