

**Humans of Findlay is a documentary project based on the blog “Humans of New York.” The project was created to introduce many of the unique people of Findlay, Ohio. The man behind the lens and the project is Dave Morrow. Morrow has interviewed over 600 people of Findlay, ranging from age 5 to 102 years old, with a wide range of diversity and backgrounds.**

**On April 4, 2018, a proclamation was signed by Mayor Lydia Mihalik designating the day as “Humans of Findlay Day.” Each of the stories have been read up to 30,000 times, and can be located on [humansoffindlay.com](http://humansoffindlay.com), Humans of Findlay Facebook page, as well as in this monthly magazine. Know someone that you feel should be featured? Send a nomination on the Facebook page.**

## CHRIS SALDANA

If you have ever found comfort that while we sleep others work to keep us safe and have given thanks, our next Humans of Findlay deserves a little extra appreciation. Not only has Chris been a fire fighter for 13 plus years, he also serves extra shifts, is on the Tactical Rescue team, (fast water or high rise rescues), and is the medic on the Police ERT (SWAT) team. The last two are volunteer assignments. Chris is a US Navy veteran where he served for eight years as a Bomb dog handler and was on personal protection details throughout the Iraq theatre. After his discharge he was going to school at Owens when he heard the fire department was hiring. He placed number one on the test and the rest is history! Chris is very close to his tight knit family. He has two brothers, two sisters, seven aunts and uncles and countless cousins. They love to come together for BBQ's and celebrations.

They were held together for many years by his grandfather who passed away in 2014. He has an eight year old son who he loves to spend time with.

Chris works hard to stay physically fit and was the spearhead for the construction of the city employee and family fitness center that opened this year. Chris is driven by his desire to “make my own legacy” Raised without a father Chris's role model was his grandfather Marcelino



Saldana. He was a Korean war Army veteran, was self-educated, had his own construction company

and a small carry out. Marcelino loved his family and church and was a “perfect model” for Chris.