

# Owens

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That is one of the reasons he got involved with a program at Stigall several years back called Over the Top. Over the Top was a group of students the principal and teachers thought were troubled children and needed help. Owens said for a couple of years he spoke with these kids two or three times a week. His message was to have positive people in their lives. And now years later, he sees that his words to the children did sink in.

"Now they are grown up and are very productive citizens," Owens noted. "Some went to college, one is a preacher and others have families.

With 40 years under his belt as a firefighter, what is next for Owens?

He said he could have retired with 30 years but he still enjoys working and serving the citizens.

"I've had a really good career, sometimes very stressful and you want to quit," Owens said. "But serving the people makes you want to stay. I have a very good crew and working with Mayor (Marvin) Sikes keeps the department stress-free."

When Owens does decide to hang up his badge down the road, he plans to continue his favorite hobby, flying his Cherokee 140 single engine prop airplane. He also loves flying drones and has several from smaller to larger.

But for now, citizens can feel safe and secure knowing a true Humboldtian, in every sense of the word, has their backs and is ready to serve.



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