



City Council

Special Recognition - Assistant Fire Chief Robert Bradley

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Recommended Action

Committee Recommendation:

Not referred to a committee.

City Manager Recommendation:

Recognize Assistant Chief Robert Bradley upon his upcoming retirement from the Olympia Fire Department.

Report

Issue:

Whether to recognize Rob Bradley's 42 years of service to the fire service industry and his 23 years of service to Olympia Fire Department.

Staff Contact:

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Presenter(s):

Steve Hall, City Manager

Background and Analysis:

Assistant Fire Chief Robert Bradley is retiring and leaving city employment. His last day in the office will be Tuesday, July 31, 2018. Chief Bradley, along with retiring Battalion Chief Pat Noonan, will be recognized at a fire department ceremony on Tuesday, July 31, held at noon in the main fire station.

Rob started in the fire service at age 19, in 1976, making \$2.35 per hour as an on-call seasonal firefighter in California. After time at Bullhead City, Arizona; Oxnard, California and Lake Tapps, Washington fire departments, Rob joined the Olympia Fire Department (OFD) in 1995. During his OFD career Rob has held the positions of Firefighter, Fire Inspector, Fire Lieutenant, Fire Prevention Captain and Assistant Chief-Fire Marshal in 2008. All totaled, Rob has given the fire service 42 years of his life, 23 of those years in Olympia.

As part of the department's Senior Management team since 2008, Rob has been involved in shaping the department that exists today - one of the few Class II fire departments in the state. This distinction has come in no small part because of Rob's tireless work in fire prevention. Rob's fire prevention work culminated in 2011 when Governor Gregoire signed a bill relating to residential fire sprinklers. Then in 2014, residential fire sprinklers became the new standard for all new construction in Olympia.

The fire service industry owes a debt to the whole Bradley family. Rob's father and brother were both firefighters in California for their entire careers. The department and city will truly miss Robert Bradley. This time, before the City Council, is to thank him for his service.

Attachments:

Proclamation