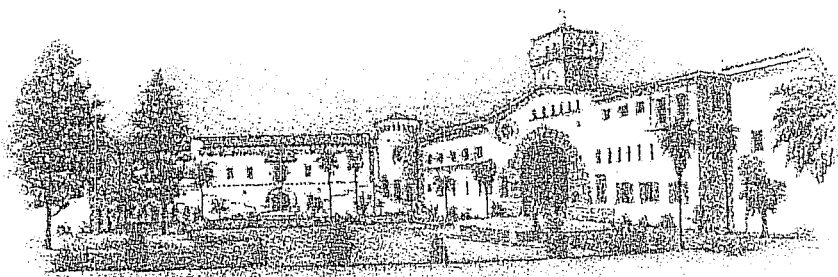


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COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA CALIFORNIA

IN THE MATTER OF THE RETIREMENT OF
FIRE ENGINEER/INSPECTOR RICK VATTER
On March 23, 2009

WHEREAS Rick Vatter joined our Fire Department on 11/26/79 and was promoted to Engineer/Inspector on 8/24/87; and

WHEREAS, the Fire Department decided to expand the capabilities of our two Fire Helicopters to incorporate rescue operations and Rick became one of a select group that accomplished training to become a certified Helicopter Rescue Crewman participating in responses with the Heli-tac Fire Missions, Hoist rescues, River, Lake and Ocean Water Rescues, and

WHEREAS, Rick remembers responding to incidents while riding on the tailboard of fire engines and there will probably come a time when no firefighter recalls doing that; and

WHEREAS, Rick will surely be remembered for his devotion to his wife and family, and

WHEREAS, Rick, will now have more time to fine tune the band he plays with and maybe become the rock star he always wanted to be

THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY ORDERED AND RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS

That Rick Vatter be honored on the occasion of his retirement, commended for his superior record of dedicated fire service and protection, and extended the sincere gratitude and appreciation of the public.

Passed and adopted by the Board of Supervisors of Santa Barbara County, this 14th day of April, 2009 by unanimous vote of all members present.

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