

# SANTA BARBARA COUNTY BOARD AGENDA LETTER



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**Agenda Number:**  
**Prepared on:** 3/1/05  
**Department Name:** Fire  
**Department No.:** 031  
**Agenda Date:** 3/15/05  
**Placement:** Administrative  
**Estimate Time:** 5 min.  
**Continued Item:** NO  
**If Yes, date from:**

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**TO:** Board of Supervisors

**FROM:** John M. Scherrei  
Fire Chief

**STAFF CONTACT:** Tom Franklin, Deputy Chief  
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**SUBJECT:** Retirement Resolution- Steve Vittum

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## **Recommendation(s):**

That the Board of Supervisors adopt a resolution recognizing 31 years of service to the County of Santa Barbara on the part of retiree, Deputy Fire Chief Steve Vittum.

## **Alignment with Board Strategic Plan:**

The recommendation is primarily aligned with our organizational values regarding our workforce.

## **Executive Summary and Discussion:**

Our department would like to recognize Steve Vittum for 31 years of service to the citizens of Santa Barbara County in his many roles with the Santa Barbara County Fire Department, beginning in 1974 as a firefighter and culminating in 2005 as Deputy Fire Chief.

## **Mandates and Service Levels:**

None.

## **Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:**

None

## **Special Instructions:**

Supervisor Susan Rose to present this resolution. Steve Vittum will be present to accept the resolution.

## **Concurrence:**

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**RESOLUTION OF COMMENDATION  
FOR STEVE VITTUM  
UPON HIS RETIREMENT**

**WHEREAS**, Steve Vittum entered public service with the County of Santa Barbara in 1974 after having recently served with the U.S. Forest Service and having worked as a smokejumper in Missoula, Montana from 1971 to 1973, graduating from Humboldt State University with a Bachelor of Science degree in Natural Resources, and;

**WHEREAS**, Steve served the Santa Barbara County Fire Department first as a Firefighter in 1974, an Engineer/Inspector in 1975, a Captain in 1979, a Battalion Chief in 1987, a Division Chief in 1993, a Deputy Fire Chief in 2002, and;

**WHEREAS**, Steve has participated in fighting many large wildfires in our County as well as having served on Incident Command teams for fires, floods and other disasters throughout our nation, and;

**WHEREAS**, Steve was elected Firefighter of the Year in 1985, and;

**WHEREAS**, Steve has always maintained a respect for the health of his department as well as maintaining his own health and well-being, and;

**WHEREAS**, Steve has contributed to the development of the incident command and mutual aid systems throughout the State of California by serving in various capacities with FIRESCOPE, and by serving on numerous state-wide committees and by being a trustworthy ambassador to multiple fire agencies within the region, and;

**WHEREAS**, Steve has been a strong advocate of the contract counties while improving Santa Barbara County Fire's reputation state-wide, and;

**WHEREAS**, Steve's unfailing attention to detail, his honesty and his pursuit of excellence in every aspect of "doing what's best for the organization" has inspired us all, and;

**WHEREAS**, Steve is a storehouse of historical information that the Fire Department will continue to draw from;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT AND IT IS HEREBY ORDERED AND RESOLVED** that this Board of Supervisors honors and commends Steve Vittum for dedicated service to the employees and citizens of this County.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Barbara, State of California this 15<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2005, by unanimous vote of the members present.