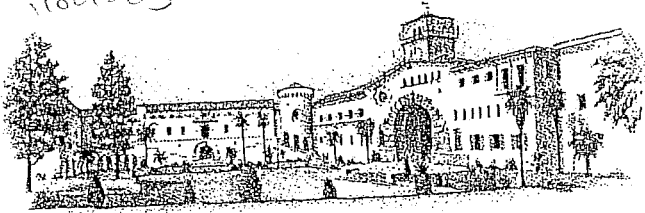


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COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA CALIFORNIA

IN THE MATTER OF THE RETIREMENT OF
FIRE CHIEF JOHN M. SCHERREI
On JANUARY 23, 2009

WHEREAS Fire Chief John M. Scherrei has served our County for over nine years and he came to us from Los Angeles City Fire after having devoted 28 years of service; and

WHEREAS, Chief Scherrei has been married to his wife Piper for 38 years and has 4 children and 11 grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, Chief Scherrei has a Master's Degree from Cal Lutheran University and an Undergraduate Degree from Cal State Northridge; and

WHEREAS, Chief Scherrei is a Vietnam veteran who served in the United States Marine Corps and;

WHEREAS, Chief Scherrei has exemplified integrity, honor and true devotion to his task and;

WHEREAS, Many of the highlights during his tenure as Fire Chief include:

- Providing exemplary leadership during the Gaviota Fire (2004), Zaca Fire (2007) & Gap Fire (2008)
- Regaining many critical firefighter positions which were cut back during the early '90's from budget cuts, increasing initial fire attack capabilities
- Re-establishing the Fuels Crew which has saved property owners time and time again
- Working with concerned citizens to create the Firefighter Alliance & the Bucket Brigade helping the department acquire urgent unbudgeted tools & equipment and the Benevolent Foundation to aid fire families in need
- Working to establish a 24 hour emergency fire contact to assist the Santa Barbara Operational area mutual aid system
- Placing an aerial ladder equipped with Urban Search and Rescue equipment for structure firefighting and specialized rescue
- Serving on Board of Directors in Sacramento for Firescope, which oversees and coordinates the entire California Mutual Aid System
- Working with the Chumash Tribe of Mission Indians, the Cities of Orcutt, Buellton, Solvang and Goleta to consolidate fire service and emergency response

THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY ORDERED AND RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS

That the Santa Barbara County Fire Chief be honored on the occasion of his retirement, commended for his superior record of dedicated and highly effective fire service and protection, and extended the sincere gratitude and appreciation of the public.



S. J. O'Connell
Supervisor - 1st District

Janet Wiley
Supervisor - 2nd District

Brookline Finestone
Supervisor - 3rd District

Joni Gray
Supervisor - 4th District

J. J. [Signature]
Supervisor - 5th District

ATTEST: *[Signature]*
Clerk of the board