



Media Advisory

Clark County Fire Department ■ 575 E. Flamingo Rd., Las Vegas, NV 89119

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What: Senior Deputy Chief Retirement

When: Friday, April 8, 2005

Where: Station 18, 575 E. Flamingo Rd.

Fire Chief Earl Greene announces the retirement of Senior Deputy Fire Chief, Richard E. Wiseman. "I reluctantly accepted Chief's Wiseman's letter of resignation and wish him well after 29 years of tireless work and leadership in the fire service and dedication to the well being of the citizens of Clark County."

Chief Wiseman is the first member in the department's 52 years' history to attain the rank of Senior Deputy Fire Chief. He has been the number two man in the department's chain of command. "He will truly be missed", says Greene, "His loyalty, dedication, and vision have been immeasurable."

Accomplishments:

- Led projects that enabled the department to earn two significant achievements:
 - Becoming the first county fire department in the nation to attain an ISO Class 1 rating
 - Attaining *Accredited Agency* status through The Commission on Fire Accreditation International.
- Directed the development of the communication system currently in use by the 13 rural volunteer fire departments
- Helped lead the development of a multi-agency county wide communications system
- Coordinated the overall planning and growth plan of the department and the construction of all 17 fire stations since 1987
- Administered installation of two Computer Aided Dispatching Systems and Mobile Data Systems for the Las Vegas, North Las Vegas and Clark County Fire Departments
- Approved purchase of apparatus, fire equipment and safety gear
- Provided assistance and leadership for two public approved bond issues
- Oversaw the creation of the first television series dealing exclusively with the CCFD on a local government access channel, "On Scene with the Clark County Fire Department"

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Career events:

- First fire was a fully involved mobile home
- Largest incident was the MGM fire. He was assigned there for 14 days- even had to eat Thanksgiving dinner on scene.
- The Hilton fire, the extensive chlorine leak at Pioneer Chlor, the massive explosion at Pepcon, the Caesar Palace and Dunes fires, numerous flooding incidents, brush and forest fires, massive accidents such as a crane collapse and a high pressure steam pipe explosion in Laughlin.

Professional Development:

- September 12, 1977 Hired as firefighter
- 1980 Volunteer Fire Coordinator
- 1982 Fire Captain
- 1988 Fire Logistics Officer
- 1990 Assistant Fire Chief
- 1996 Deputy Fire Chief
- 2003 Senior Deputy Fire Chief

Chief Wiseman had these words in parting, "I know I am one of the luckiest people in the world to have had the opportunity to serve the public while being employed by the greatest fire department anywhere. I am very thankful for what we have. It has been an honor for me to serve the residents, visitors, and the members of this department."

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