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ASSISTANT CHIEF BRIERTY RETIRES AFTER 35 YEARS

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Incident: Retirement

SAN BERNARDINO – The San Bernardino County Fire Department would like to announce the retirement of Assistant Chief Peter Brierty after 35 years of service to the community.

Peter Brierty began his employment with County Fire when he brought the Hazardous Materials Division into the County Fire family in 1995. Chief Brierty, who previously served as Fire Marshal, was the first in the State of California to be a registered Environmental Health Specialist. He has brought decades of experience to the county in his areas of expertise.

One of Chief Brierty's greatest accomplishments at County Fire has been participating in the development of the Mountain Area Safety Taskforce (MAST). MAST was the structure for managing the local tree mortality due to bark beetle infestation in the San Bernardino National Forest, a community threat that was only recently controlled. He also worked with a team of fire experts to design what is now the County Fire Safety Overlay, which has the strictest building standards for residential construction in the high fire hazard zones.

Chief Brierty is a 25-year instructor for the University of California, Riverside Extension on the topic of Environmental Law and Regulation Compliance and was awarded the UCRX Instructor of the Year Award. His passion for sharing knowledge also involves presenting for over a decade at Continuing Challenge, the premier national Hazardous Materials training conference for firefighters and law enforcement.

Among the numerous awards in Chief Brierty's career is the National Heroism of Forestry Award bestowed by the USFS in 2005, the proceeds of which Peter donated to five of his important charities. He is a former PTA president and a Board member at his children's elementary school for 10 years as well as a Board Member for the Second Harvest Food Bank.

Chief Brierty looks forward to spending his retirement with Annie, his wife of over 35 years, and their four children. We at San Bernardino County Fire wish the Brierty family well as they begin this new chapter of their lives.

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