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Transfer of Command and Chief Officer Swearing-In Ceremony; Public and Media Invited

Oregon's largest fire district will soon have a new Commander-in-Chief. This Wednesday, September 1, at 4 pm, Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue (TVF&R) Fire Chief Jeff Johnson will transfer the command and control of TVF&R to current Deputy Chief Mike Duyck. The ceremony will take place at Rolling Hills Community Church at 3550 SW Borland Road in Tualatin.

The ceremony also includes the swearing-in of several chief officers including Deputy Chief Dustin Morrow; Assistant Chiefs Mark Havener and Jeff Jones; and Division Chiefs Tom Clemo, Mark Stevens, and Jim Davis. The ceremony is the culmination of a succession plan that began five years ago in anticipation of the retirements of TVF&R executive staff, including Chief Johnson. Since that time TVF&R has been promoting and integrating individuals into key positions to ensure continuity of leadership and future success. For the past year Chief Duyck was responsible for the administration of TVF&R while Chief Johnson served as International Association of Fire Chief (IAFC) President.

Complete biographies for Chief Johnson and Chief Duyck are available on TVF&R's website at <http://www.tvfr.com/aboutus/dept/chief/index.aspx>.

The public and news organizations are welcome to attend the ceremony. Media should arrive by 3:45 pm to coordinate audio and visual needs.

Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue provides fire and emergency medical services to approximately 450,000 people residing in nine cities and portions of three unincorporated counties. Jeff Johnson joined TVF&R in 1989, following an 11-year career in Douglas County, Oregon. Johnson served as a TVF&R Division Chief and Assistant Chief prior to becoming Fire Chief in 1995. While under Chief Johnson's leadership, TVF&R became accredited by the Center for Public Safety Excellence Commission on Fire Accreditation International (CPSE/CFAI) and twice received the IAFC/U.S. Safety and Engineering Fire Service Excellence Award, the nation's top award for organizational excellence in the fire service. In an effort to increase efficiency, eliminate duplication, and lower the cost of services to taxpayers, Chief Johnson orchestrated the merger of two additional rural fire districts and annexation of three additional cities/agencies into TVF&R (Beaverton, West Linn).

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