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TVF&R Fire Chief Announces Retirement; Successor Named by Board of Directors

At its March 16th meeting, Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue's Board of Directors accepted Fire Chief Jeff Johnson's Separation Agreement outlining his intent to retire as Fire Chief effective August 31, 2010. Following that action, the Board then moved to appoint Deputy Chief Mike Duyck as TVF&R's next Fire Chief.

The action 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 the District has been promoting and integrating individuals to key positions so as to ensure continuity of leadership and TVF&R's future success.

Since July 2009 Chief Duyck has been responsible for the administration of TVF&R in Chief Johnson's absence while serving as IAFC President. Chief Duyck's 15 years of service with TVF&R includes all ranks within Emergency Services from Firefighter to Deputy Chief. He also has experience on the support side of the organization including logistics, fleet services, human resources, and governmental affairs. TVF&R Board President Bob Wyffels states, "No one has been under more scrutiny by the Board in the past year than Chief Duyck. With that said, we believe there is no better candidate for TVF&R, its members, and the community we serve, than Mike Duyck."

Between now and September 1st, the Board of Directors will work to finalize the terms of a contract with Chief Duyck, and the District will continue the steps of a smooth and orderly transition. During that time, Chief Johnson will retain command and control of TVF&R, while Chief Duyck continues to manage all day-to-day operations. Chief Duyck will assume command and control of TVF&R on September 1st, 2010.

Fire Chief Jeff Johnson states, "I could not be more excited about the Board's decision and trust in Chief Duyck's ability to lead TVF&R's next generation of firefighters and staff." Johnson added, "I have no doubt that he and his team will take TVF&R to the next level of excellence and innovation."

The details of a formal transfer of command ceremony will be released once the event is scheduled.

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