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Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue Announces New Fire Chief Mike Duyck

This afternoon Deputy Chief Mike Duyck became Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue's Fire Chief at a formal ceremony in Tualatin. The ceremony included an Oath of Office administered by TVF&R Board of Directors President Bob Wyffels and an official 'transfer of command' in which retiring Fire Chief Jeff Johnson presented Duyck with a speaking trumpet. *(Before modern radios were invented, a brass speaking trumpet was used to issue commands above the roar of the fire and incident scene. Today, a chief officer's authority is highlighted by the number of trumpets displayed on his/her badge or uniform.)*

For the past year Duyck has been responsible for the administration of TVF&R while Fire Chief Jeff Johnson served as President of the International Association of Fire Chiefs (IAFC). President Wyffels states, "It is critical that our next fire chief ensure continuity of leadership, and take it to the next level of excellence and innovation." Wyffels added, "We believe there is no better fire chief for TVF&R, its members, and the community we serve, than Mike Duyck."

Chief Duyck joined Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue in 1995, after beginning a fire service career with the City of Lake Oswego in 1988. His 15 years of service with TVF&R includes all ranks in Emergency Services from firefighter to deputy chief, as well as logistics, fleet services, human resources, and governmental affairs. In 2010, TVF&R—under Duyck's leadership—became one of the first fire departments in the country to add Cars to its response fleet.

Chief Duyck has a Bachelor of Sciences Degree in Fire Business Administration, and an Associate Degree in Fire Science. He also holds numerous certifications in emergency operations and is an Oregon-certified Paramedic. Chief Duyck is Chair of the IAFC Environmental Sustainability Committee and a Commission on Fire Accreditation, International (CFAI) peer assessor. He is currently enrolled in the National Fire Academy Executive Fire Officer Program. Chief Duyck serves as Oregon Vice-President of the Western Fire Chiefs Association (WFCA) and is the WFCA representative of the Oregon Fire Chiefs' Association. He is also involved in many local and statewide fire service initiatives including urban renewal, emergency communications and dispatch, intergovernmental affairs, and interoperability.

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