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Riverside Welcomes New Chief Mike Moore to Riverside City Fire Department

Community members join City staff and firefighting brotherhood at pinning ceremony

RIVERSIDE, Calif. – Riverside officially welcomed new Fire Chief Mike Moore to his first day of work Tuesday (8/26) with a badge pinning ceremony attended by dozens of firefighters from the Riverside City Fire Department and all over Southern California, as well as City staff, elected officials and members of the community.

More than 350 people crowded into the historic Fox Performing Arts Center to watch Chief Moore have his badge pinned on by his wife, Robyne, in front of their two adult children, Candace and Cameron. Numerous family members, firefighting peers who have worked with Chief Moore in the past and close friends attended.

Moore described the path he took to the Chief's job in Riverside and pledged to continue the tradition of excellence at the Riverside Fire Department. He told Riverside firefighters to expect to see him around their fire stations, not as a taskmaster, but as a coach and a mentor.

"I pride myself on the relationships that I build with people and the bonds that I forge in pursuit of excellence," Chief Moore said after the ceremony. "I am thrilled to be able to bring that approach and that commitment to the City of Riverside."

Riverside Mayor Rusty Bailey welcomed Chief Moore to the city, noting that Riverside officials have worked hard to improve the quality of life in the city in the past decade. But, Mayor Bailey said, all of that work will be for naught if residents do not feel safe and secure in their homes and businesses.

"I am very impressed by Chief Moore's commitment to what we are doing here in Riverside, and I look forward to working closely with him in the future," Mayor Bailey said. "Everything rises and falls on leadership, and Chief Moore has demonstrated that he is ready to lead our Fire Department to new heights."

Mayor Bailey, City Manager Scott Barber and other speakers paused during their presentations to thank Interim Chief Mike Esparza, who led the Fire Department for the past eight months following

the retirement of previous Chief Steve Earley. Esparza returns to his position as Deputy Chief and will assist Chief Moore with the transition.

Moore came to Riverside after working most recently as Fire Division Chief with the Orange County Fire Authority, where he started as a firefighter/paramedic in 1982. He had worked the last 15 years in the position of Chief Officer, most recently as local Fire Chief for the City of Irvine, which contracts with the Fire Authority for fire services.

Moore earned his Executive Fire Officer certification from the National Fire Academy in 2005. He was awarded a Master of Public Administration degree from California State University, Long Beach in 1993 and graduated from the University of Redlands with a B.A. in Management in 1988. He earned associate degrees in Paramedical Education from Santa Ana College and Fire Service from Long Beach City College, both in 1984.