

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 21

Whereas Chief Michael Duyck is a native Oregonian who was raised in the fire service as the son of a fire chief in Washington County; and

Whereas Chief Duyck began his firefighting career in 1986 as a volunteer at Washington County Fire District 2; and

Whereas in 1988, Chief Duyck became a professional firefighter with the Lake Oswego Fire Department; and

Whereas Chief Duyck joined Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue (TVF&R) in 1995, marking the beginning of a remarkable career at TVF&R that has lasted nearly 25 years; and

Whereas Chief Duyck was promoted through all operational ranks and served in numerous leadership roles at TVF&R, culminating in his appointment as chief in 2010; and

Whereas TVF&R is the largest fire district in Oregon, with 26 fire stations and more than 600 employees who provide fire protection and emergency medical services (EMS) to more than 500,000 residents in 11 cities and portions of four counties; and

Whereas Chief Duyck has been involved in local, state and national initiatives addressing fire protection and EMS innovation and technology, data-driven deployment and resource management, government efficiency, economic development, public safety services integration and emergency communications dispatch and interoperability; and

Whereas under Chief Duyck's leadership, TVF&R became one of the first fire agencies in the nation to deploy nontraditional, single-paramedic rapid response cars on noncritical calls for service, allowing fire engines and larger trucks to remain available to contend with emergencies of greater severity; and

Whereas Chief Duyck led the fire service-based coalition that promoted legislation to establish ground emergency medical transportation supplemental reimbursement programs in Oregon to offset the financial burden of EMS agencies, and ultimately the burden of local taxpayers, for covering the uncompensated costs of providing care to Medicaid beneficiaries; and

Whereas under Chief Duyck's leadership, TVF&R implemented Oregon's first PulsePoint mobile application as a means to dispatch CPR-trained citizen rescuers to the scenes of public cardiac arrests; and

Whereas Chief Duyck has led many other initiatives targeted at increasing cardiac arrest survival rates in the TVF&R service area and across the state, including legislation that mandated CPR training in schools, partnerships with hospitals and other EMS agencies and training to ensure that firefighter medics were on the cutting edge of medical practice; and

Whereas Chief Duyck served as chair of the State Interoperability Executive Council, working to improve coordination of interoperable, interagency emergency communications between local, state and tribal public safety responders; and

Whereas Chief Duyck spearheaded the effort to implement FirstNet across the state, the nation's first dedicated broadband network that provides expanded capabilities and priority to public safety users in support of robust, mission-critical information exchange during escalating emergencies and disasters; and

Whereas Chief Duyck served as president of the Western Fire Chiefs Association, and has had key leadership roles with many other entities, including the Oregon Fire Chiefs Association, International Association of Fire Chiefs and Metropolitan Fire Chiefs Association; and

Whereas Chief Duyck is widely respected for the professionalism, dedication and integrity with which he performs his job; and

Whereas Chief Duyck's innovative vision and leadership have greatly enhanced the efficiency and quality of fire protection and emergency medical services at TVF&R and throughout the state, saving many lives and greatly improving the safety of our community; and

Whereas Chief Duyck plans to retire in June 2019, leaving TVF&R with very sizeable shoes to fill; and

Whereas Chief Duyck is looking forward to spending time on the family farm and enjoying the company of his wife Ann and his daughters Kimberly and Joanna; now, therefore,

Be It Resolved by the Legislative Assembly of the State of Oregon:

That we, the members of the Eightieth Legislative Assembly, recognize and honor Chief Michael Duyck, and we express our gratitude for his service to Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue and the State of Oregon; and be it further

Resolved, That we wish Chief Duyck well in his retirement.

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