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BEVERLY HILLS FIRE CHIEF GREG BARTON RECEIVES FRED C. CUNNINGHAM AWARD FOR DISTINGUISHED SERVICE

Beverly Hills, CA – Beverly Hills Fire Chief Greg Barton tonight received the prestigious Fred C. Cunningham Award for Distinguished Service, the City's highest recognition for outstanding service to the community. The award is named for the City's longtime Executive Director of Public Affairs, Fred C. Cunningham and recognizes an employee who has a true vocation for serving the community and who has demonstrated expertise and commitment tempered with grace and humility.

"The City Council is so pleased to recognize Chief Barton for his remarkable contributions to our community," said Mayor Lester Friedman. "During his 25 year career with our City, Greg has been on the front lines working to save lives, property and keep our City safe. On behalf of the Beverly Hills community, we thank him for his dedicated service and the example he sets for all of us."

A committee, consisting of the City Manager, two sitting City Council Members, a former City Councilmember, the president of the Municipal League, President of the Rotary Club and president of the Chamber of Commerce unanimously selected Chief Barton for the award.

Leading up to his appointment as Fire Chief in June of 2017, Chief Barton served as Deputy Fire Chief, Shift Battalion Chief, Fire Marshal, Deputy Fire Marshal, Fire Captain, Fire Inspector and Firefighter.

Chief Barton serves as a member of the Board of Directors for the Maple Counseling Center, Executive Team Member on the Beverly Hills 9/11 Memorial Committee, Director of the Beverly Hills Fire Chief Funds and Governance Board Representative for the City of Beverly Hills on the Interagency Communications Interoperability System.

He has completed many prestigious education programs such as the Naval Post Graduate School Center for Homeland Defense and Security-Executive Leaders Program, the Los Angeles Fire Department Leadership Academy and the International Association of Fire Chiefs – Fire Service Executive Development Institute. Recently, Chief Barton has led the City's newest program, "Just in Case, BH," which was created

to keep the community informed and well connected during natural disasters or local emergencies.

“I am truly honored and humbled to receive the Fred Cunningham Award,” said Chief Barton on Tuesday evening. “If you do something you like to do, you’ll never work a day in your life. That is so true, I have a dream job as a firefighter and on top of that, I work for the dream community of Beverly Hills. Thank you all.”

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