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Beverly Hills Fire Chief Ralph Mundell Retiring in June

Beverly Hills, CA – Beverly Hills Fire Chief Ralph Mundell, who has been with the City since 1984, and has served as Fire Chief since 2013, is retiring in June. Deputy Chief Greg Barton will step in as the new Chief.

“Ralph has been a great partner in keeping this City safe over the last four years,” said City Manager Mahdi Aluzri. “We will miss him, but one of his legacies is that he is an outstanding leader with a well-trained and capable staff. He leaves the Fire Department in excellent shape.”

Chief Mundell started as an entry-level firefighter and came up through the ranks to hold various leadership positions over the years including Fire Inspector, Fire Engineer, Fire Captain, Fire Marshal, Safety and Training Officer, Shift Battalion Chief, Deputy Fire Chief and, ultimately, Fire Chief.

He earned a bachelor’s degree from California State University, Long Beach and is a certified Fire Officer and Chief Officer in the State of California. He spearheaded many critical projects, such as developing an active shooter response plan and establishing a bicycle emergency medical technician program. He also served as the President of the Beverly Hills Firefighters’ Association for 14 years

Over the years, Chief Mundell has earned numerous awards, including two Harvey Adair Awards for Meritorious Service, a Fred Tarquinio Award for Dedicated Service, and the Felix Rothchild Award for Firefighter of the Year.

An active participant in many community boards and associations, Chief Mundell has served the Rotary International, Beverly Hills Committee for the Special Olympics Host Town, International Association of the Fire Chiefs, California State Firefighters’

Association and as the Board of Directors' President for the Beverly Hills 9/11 Committee.

Chief Mundell says he owes his success in Beverly Hills to the unyielding support of his wife, Donna, and two sons: RJ, a City of Burbank Firefighter, and Brian, a professional baseball player for the Colorado Rockies Organization.

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