

**SUBMITTAL TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

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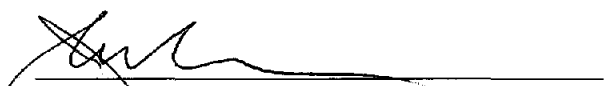
**SUBMITTAL DATE:**  
December 28, 2010

**SUBJECT:** Proclamation Honoring Deputy Chief Duane V. Chamlee

**RECOMMENDED MOTION:** Move that the Board of Supervisors adopt the accompanying Proclamation honoring Deputy Chief Duane V. Chamlee upon his retirement from CAL FIRE/Riverside County Fire Department.

**BACKGROUND:**

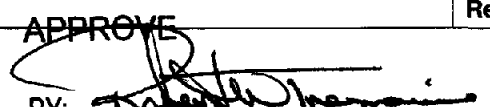
Duane V. Chamlee has honorably served the Riverside County Fire Department and the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection and on the occasion of his retirement, the Riverside County Fire Department wishes to honor him with a County Proclamation commending his years of dedicated service to the residents of Riverside County.

  
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JOHN R. HAWKINS  
County Fire Chief

<b>FINANCIAL DATA</b>	Current F.Y. Total Cost:	\$ 0	In Current Year Budget:	N/A
	Current F.Y. Net County Cost:	\$ 0	Budget Adjustment:	N/A
	Annual Net County Cost:	\$ 0	For Fiscal Year:	N/A

<b>SOURCE OF FUNDS:</b>	Positions To Be Deleted Per A-30	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Requires 4/5 Vote	<input type="checkbox"/>

**C.E.O. RECOMMENDATION:**

APPROVE  
  
BY: Robert Tremaine

**County Executive Office Signature**

- Consent
- Policy
- Consent
- Policy

Dep't Recomm.:  
Per Exec. Ofc.:

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Departmental Concurrence

## PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS**, Deputy Chief Duane V. Chamlee retired from the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE) and Riverside County Fire Department on December 30, 2010 after 39 years of service to residents of Riverside County and the State of California, and

**WHEREAS**, Even though he got his 1<sup>st</sup> shot at being a Volunteer Firefighter in 1958 when he was 15 years old, Chief Chamlee began his career service on May 1, 1962 with the old 'CDF' as a seasonal firefighter in the San Diego Unit and worked as a seasonal firefighter and permanent Forest Fire Truck Driver on May 27, 1967 with further promotion to Fire Captain on September 1, 1971 in the Riverside Unit, followed by promotion to Battalion Chief in charge of the Hemet-Ryan Air Attack Base on September 15, 1976 and later transferred on April 1, 1978 to the newly formed Battalion 9 in the City of Moreno Valley, followed by promotion to Division Chief on April 14, 1997 in Moreno Valley until he elected his first retirement from CDF on December 30, 2000, and

**WHEREAS**, Chief Chamlee after 7 years of retirement returned to active duty with CAL FIRE in Riverside County on May 31, 2007 as the Division Chief in charge of the Bautista Camp, Hemet-Ryan Air Attack Base and Battalion 5 followed by his near immediate promotion to Deputy Chief of Special Operations on April 1, 2009 from where he is retiring for the 2<sup>nd</sup> time, and

**WHEREAS**, Chief Chamlee honorable served in the US Army 82<sup>nd</sup> Airborne Division as a medic paratrooper from April 17, 1964 to April 14, 1967 including duty in the Dominican Republic and was awarded the Combat Medic Badge, and

**WHEREAS**, when Chief Chamlee returned from his 1<sup>st</sup> retirement on May 31, 2007, he was full of vigor seriously embarking on the duties of his profession including commitment to the Mountain Area Safety Task Force (MAST), involvement at both the Pine Cove and Pinyon communities, taking major fire assignments in Los Angeles and Orange Counties in addition to Riverside County fires, recognized as lifetime member of Southern California Association of Foresters and Fire Wardens, working with the Riverside County Fire Chiefs Association and directing all EMS, Health & Safety, Training and Volunteer Firefighter operations at the Ben Clark Training Center, and

**WHEREAS**, firefighters throughout Riverside County admire Chief Chamlee for his commitment to duty, his respect for everyone from the top of the organization to the rookie firefighter, his love for airborne firefighting and the 'tree of knowledge' at the Hemet-Ryan Air Attack Base, his love for reconnoitering local truck trail roads and his historical knowledge of fires in the County, now

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**, County of Riverside, State of California, honors and commends Deputy Chief Duane V. Chamlee on his retirement, a firefighter who will be remembered for his professional dedication to the Riverside County Fire Department and the citizens of Riverside County, and

**FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED**, the Board of Supervisors wishes Chief Chamlee and his wife Ernylee the best as they both embark on retirement.