

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



FROM: Fire Department

903A
SUBMITTAL DATE:
May 19, 2011

SUBJECT: Recognition of Two Volunteer Firefighters

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of Supervisors present proclamations to Dean McKernan and Ray Russell for their outstanding service to the citizens of Riverside County as Volunteer Firefighters.

BACKGROUND: Dean McKernan has served as a Volunteer Firefighter in Riverside County for 52 years and Ray Russell has served as a Volunteer Firefighter in Riverside County for 50 years. Their superior performance has been a great asset to the fire service and we would like to honor them for their years of dedicated service to the residents of Riverside County.

John R. Hawkins, County Fire Chief

**FINANCIAL
DATA**

Current F.Y. Total Cost: \$ N/A
Current F.Y. Net County Cost: \$
Annual Net County Cost: \$

In Current Year Budget:
Budget Adjustment:
For Fiscal Year:

SOURCE OF FUNDS:

Positions To Be Deleted Per A-30 ☐
Requires 4/5 Vote ☐

C.E.O. RECOMMENDATION:

APPROVE

BY:
Robert Tremaine

County Executive Office Signature

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

On motion of Supervisor Stone, seconded by Supervisor Tavaglione and duly carried by unanimous vote, IT WAS ORDERED that the above matter is approved as recommended.

Ayes: Buster, Tavaglione, Stone, Benoit and Ashley
Nays: None
Absent: None
Date: June 14, 2011
xc: Fire, EO

Kecia Harper-Ihem
Clerk of the Board
By:
Deputy

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Prev. Agn. Ref.:

District: 2 & 5

Agenda Number:

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Dean McKernan has served the residents of Riverside County and the State of California as a Volunteer Firefighter for 52 years, and

WHEREAS, Dean knew he wanted to be a volunteer 1958 when his brother Tim took him to the fire station and let him respond on the engine to a Santa Ana wind driven fire where they saved residents homes, and

WHEREAS, the next year Dean was old enough become a volunteer firefighter and he responded to calls out of Calimesa Station 21 for 18 years as he went through high school, college and taught school and coached at Beaumont High School, and

WHEREAS, Dean moved with his wife to Cherry Valley in 1976 and responded to fires; medical aids, traffic collisions and flooding out of Cherry Valley Station 22 for twelve years, and

WHEREAS, Dean spent the last years of his career at Beaumont City Station 66 where he responded to many incidents including the Esperanza Fire which had a profound effect on him when a US Forest Service Firefighter that he had known and worked with for several years lost his life, and

WHEREAS, when asked why he has spent so much time in the fire department, Dean answered are that he felt it was his civic duty; it gave him pride to be doing something important; he got to know and work with the greatest people in the world; he got to help people survive something that they may not have if he had not been there; and it was the best 52 years of his life, and

WHEREAS, Dean's dedication to the Riverside County Fire Department Volunteers and the safety of the citizens of Riverside County has been exemplary.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, County of Riverside, State of California, honors and commends Dean McKernan for 52 years of service to the County of Riverside and its citizens.

AND LET IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Riverside County Board of Supervisors wish the best of luck and happiness to Dean McKernan as he leaves the Riverside County Fire Department Volunteers.

BOB BUSTER
Supervisor, First District

JOHN TAVAGLIONE
Supervisor, Second District

JEFF STONE
Supervisor, Third District

JOHN BENOIT
Supervisor, Fourth District

MARION ASHLEY
Supervisor, Fifth District

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Ray Russell has served the residents of Riverside County and the State of California as a Volunteer Firefighter for 50 years, and

WHEREAS, Ray entered the fire service in 1957 as a Volunteer Firefighter in the community of Norco, and

WHEREAS, Ray became a seasonal Firefighter with the California Division of Forestry (now known as CAL FIRE) in 1959, and

WHEREAS, after taking a three year break from the fire service to serve his country, Ray returned to the Division of Forestry in 1963 as a Fire Apparatus Engineer, then in 1972 left the Division of Forestry to work for the California State Fire Marshal's Office as an Assistant Chief in Fire Training, and

WHEREAS, during Ray's career with the State Fire Marshal he wrote fire curriculum; helped to develop the Incident Command System which is now accepted as the all hazard command and control system in the State of California while continuing to volunteer his firefighting service to the local community, being one of the founding members of the Home Gardens Volunteer Fire Company in 1978 and earning the medal of Valor for Heroism in 1987, and

WHEREAS, Ray's dedication to Riverside County Fire Department Volunteers and the safety of the citizens of Riverside County has been exemplary.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, County of Riverside, State of California, honors and commends Ray Russell for 50 years of service to the County of Riverside and its citizens.

BOB BUSTER
Supervisor, First District

JOHN TAVAGLIONE
Supervisor, Second District

JEFF STONE
Supervisor, Third District

JOHN BENOIT
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