

**ROSS VALLEY FIRE DEPARTMENT
STAFF REPORT**

For the meeting of: March 13, 2013

To: Board of Directors

From:  Roger Meagor, Fire Chief

Subject: Proclamation for Battalion Chief Gregory McGrath

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board approve the proclamation for Battalion Chief Gregory McGrath commemorating his many years of service with the Ross Valley Fire Department

DISCUSSION:

On February 28, 2011, Battalion Chief Gregory McGrath retired after 30 years in the fire service. Greg began his fire service career when he joined the San Anselmo Fire Department in 1981 as a Volunteer Firefighter. Greg was hired fulltime in 1985. The proclamation reads as follows:

A Proclamation of the Ross Valley Fire Department commemorating the accomplishments and contributions of Battalion Chief Gregory McGrath

WHEREAS, Battalion Chief Gregory McGrath has spent over 30 years in the fire service, dedicated to protecting and serving the communities of Fairfax, San Anselmo, Sleepy Hollow and Ross; and

WHEREAS, Greg began his career as a Volunteer Firefighter with the San Anselmo Fire Department; and

WHEREAS, Greg worked his way through the ranks of the Department including Engineer, Captain and Battalion Chief;

WHEREAS, Greg continued his education throughout his career, including an Associate of Science degrees in Fire Science and Automotive Technology, as well as, completing Company Officer and Chief Officer certification courses through State Fire Marshall's Office;

WHEREAS, Greg served as the Department's Training officer, coordinating and providing excellent training exercises; and

WHEREAS, Greg was the Volunteer Firefighter Program coordinator for many years, recruiting, training, mentoring volunteer firefighters; and

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WHEREAS, Greg worked diligently and tirelessly in the design, procurement, delivery and acceptance of new fire engines, being sure that every inch of space on the engine was well utilized; and

WHEREAS, Greg administered the Department's Commercial Driver License training and certification program; and

WHEREAS, Greg consistently demonstrated concern and kindness to those he served; and

WHEREAS, Greg demonstrated mechanical skills that assured "we can do it"; and

WHEREAS, Greg will be sorely missed by those he worked with at the Ross Valley Fire Department.

Now, therefore, be it proclaimed that upon his retirement, the Ross Valley Fire Department extends its sincere appreciation and heartfelt gratitude to Battalion Chief Gregory McGrath for his service and contributions to the quality of life in the Ross Valley.

Dated this 13th Day of March, 2013

By the Ross Valley Fire Board: