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MCARTHUR APPOINTED TO FIRE CHIEF

City Manager Daniel E. Keen announced today that Jack McArthur has been appointed to the position of Fire Chief, effective May 13, 2014.

McArthur has over 35 years of experience in the fire service profession, most recently serving as the Fire Chief of Yuma, Arizona for the last 11 years. Prior to Yuma, Mr. McArthur was the Fire Chief of Snohomish County Fire District #1 in Washington State (2000-2003), Dearborn, Michigan (1996-2000), and Harrison Township, Michigan (1988-1996). He began his career as a firefighter/paramedic with the City of Harrison Township, rising through the ranks from 1976-1988 until appointed Fire Chief in 1988.



McArthur earned his Bachelor of Science Degree in Fire Science and Safety Applied Engineering from the University of Cincinnati in 1994, earned the Harvard Fellowship from the National Fire Protection Academy, and earned his certification as an Executive Fire Officer from the National Fire Academy in 1993. He is a graduate of the Executive Leaders Program at the Naval Postgraduate School, Center for Homeland Defense and Security, Monterey, California, as well as the Kennedy School of Government Program for Senior Executives in State and Local Government at Harvard University.

With over 21 years' experience as a Fire Chief, McArthur brings a broad range of experience to the City of Vallejo Fire Chief position. In Yuma, the Fire Department was accredited twice, by the Center for Public Safety Excellence while McArthur served as Chief and improved the community's ISO rating to a property protection class of 2, placing the department in the top one percent of fire departments in the country. During his tenure at Snohomish County, Fire District 1 became a regional provider of fire service. In Dearborn, Michigan, McArthur led a department of 130 persons, began a program of advanced life support, and won a national award for excellence. In Harrison Township, Michigan, McArthur was one of the first paramedics in the department, and served in the roles of Fire Marshal, Fire Officer, Emergency Service Program Coordinator and leader of the

department's Hazardous Materials Team and Dive Rescue Team. McArthur has made improvements to each of the five fire departments he has served, including service delivery through changes to deployment strategies, upgrading and improving service levels and training, and beginning new services.

"I am extremely humbled to have been chosen to lead such a great organization," said McArthur. "I view this move as an opportunity to apply my experience and make positive changes for Vallejo and I look forward to joining the men and women of the Vallejo Fire Department as they serve our community."

In announcing the appointment, Keen highlighted McArthur's track record of accomplishment in multiple communities, and his dedication to professional development. "Jack McArthur brings an impressive record of achievement to the Vallejo Fire Department. In each of his Fire Chief positions, he has introduced and implemented changes which improved service levels, reduced costs, and advanced the professionalism of the departments. He has real experience with building community relationships, and a knack for service improvement and innovation. We had some outstanding candidates, but McArthur's knowledge, experience and skill set - including his exceptional leadership skills and excellent budget acumen – really stood out as the best fit for what our community and city organization needs right now."

McArthur has been married to his wife Kerri for six years, and has three children, Kelley, Kristin and Sammy. McArthur plans to move to the City of Vallejo, and looks forward to living in the Bay Area and becoming an active member of the community.

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