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REPORT NO. 05-041

ATTENTION: Honorable Mayor and City Council

SUBJECT: Appointment of Deputy Fire Chief John "JT" Thomson

SUMMARY

THIS IS AN INFORMATION ITEM ONLY. NO ACTION IS REQUIRED ON THE PART OF THE CITY COUNCIL.

This is to announce the appointment of Battalion Chief John Thomson to the position of Deputy Fire Chief for the San Diego Fire-Rescue Department effective January 29, 2005. Chief Thomson will be responsible for the Fire Operations Division of the Fire-Rescue Department. He will report to Assistant Fire Chief John Jondall.

Chief Thomson is a 27 year veteran of the Fire-Rescue Department and rose through the ranks from firefighter, to engineer, captain, and battalion chief prior to this appointment. Chief Thomson has served in a variety of operations assignments and holds a Bachelor's Degree in Public Administration and Professional Fire Officer Certificate from San Diego State University, a Fire Technology degree from Miramar College, and a Teaching Credential from U.S.I.U. Chief Thomson has been an instructor for the Fire-Rescue Department for many years. He has also served as a Board Member of Firefighters' Local 145 for 21 years.

Chief Thomson is a Board Member for Mothers' Against Drunk Driving and is active in many community groups such as the Special Olympics, Muscular Dystrophy Association, Adopt-A-

School Program, Battered Women's Services, the Child Abuse Prevention Foundation, Lincoln Magnet Program, as well other community groups.

Please join me in congratulating Chief Thomson on his appointment.

Respectfully submitted,

Approved by:

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Jeff Bowman  
Fire Chief

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P. Lamont Ewell  
City Manager