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ATTENTION: Honorable Mayor and City Council

SUBJECT: Appointment of Division Chief William Middleton

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 William Middleton to the position of Division Fire Chief for the San Diego Fire-Rescue Department effective March 13, 2005. Chief Middleton will be responsible for the Field Operations (B Division) of the Fire-Rescue Department. He reports to Deputy Fire Chief John Thomson.

Chief Middleton is a 28 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 Middleton has served in both administrative and active operations assignments. He has held key assignments in the Metro Arson Strike Team (MAST), the Fire Academy, Communications, and acted in an OCA capacity as the Director of Maintenance and Materiel for almost two years. Chief Middleton has been the president of the San Diego Firemen's Association and a Board Member of the Firefighter's Union, Local 145.

Chief Middleton and his wife, Mary Ann, a high school educator, live in Ramona. They have two children; Jack who is a firefighter with SDFD, and David who graduated from the U.S. Coast Guard Academy and is in the U. S. Navy in flight school in Pensacola, Florida training to be a helicopter pilot. Please join me in congratulating Chief Middleton on his appointment.

Respectfully submitted,

Approved by:

Jeff Bowman
Fire Chief

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City Manager