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Staff Report

City of Manhattan Beach

TO: Honorable Mayor Montgomery and Members of the City Council

THROUGH: David N. Carmany, City Manager

FROM: Cathy Hanson, Human Resources Director

DATE: June 21, 2011

SUBJECT: Introduction of New Employees, Service Awards, and Firefighter of the Year

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that the City Council acknowledge the following:

Introduction of new employees; Presentation of commemorative certificates to employees who have completed 15 or more years of service to the City and Recognition of Firefighter of the Year.

FISCAL IMPLICATION:

There are no fiscal implications associated with the recommended actions.

BACKGROUND:

The City has a tradition of welcoming new employees by introducing them at City Council meetings. This gives new employees an opportunity to meet the City Council Members and Department Heads and experience firsthand how City Council meetings are conducted at the City. This tradition includes presenting commemorative certificates to long-term City employees

The Firefighter of the Year is nominated and selected by the Fire Association.

DISCUSSION:

Fire Department:

New Hire

Robert Espinosa is the new Fire Chief with the Manhattan Beach Fire Department. He began his career in Fire in the U. S. Army as a Fire Protection Specialist in 1978, and was then hired by the City of El Segundo as a Firefighter. Shortly after, he joined the City of Long Beach Fire Department as a Firefighter and obtained his paramedic license. In 1996, after serving 14 years as a Firefighter/Paramedic with the City of Long Beach he was promoted to Fire Captain and was promoted again in 2003 to Battalion Chief. As a Battalion Chief he was the incident commander at numerous emergency scenes and the department's liaison with the Airport Bureau. In 2006, Chief Espinosa was promoted to the Deputy Fire Marshal where he planned and managed fire prevention activities related to the Port of Long Beach. He then left the City of Long Beach for the position of Assistant Fire Chief with the City of Rialto Fire Department in 2007, and was promoted to Fire Chief in December of 2008. Chief Espinosa has an Associate of Applied Science in Fire Science

from Arizona Western College and has a Bachelor's of Science in Occupational Studies from California State Long Beach University.

Firefighter of the Year

Firefighter/Paramedic Tim Viselli was selected by his peers for 2010. Firefighter/Paramedic Tim Viselli has over 31 years in the Fire Service and he began his fire career with Los Angeles Fire Department in 1979. In 1982, he joined the Manhattan Beach Fire Department. While serving the community, he has acted as a Fire Engineer, held various fire assignments (fire prevention, CPR training), and has been a member of several committees. He was also instrumental in initiating on-duty fitness for his co-workers. Firefighter Viselli has a Bachelor's Degree in Psychology from University of Southern California. He hopes to utilize his background in psychology to expand training for fire personnel when dealing with patients suffering from mental illnesses. He has a profound love of animals and has teamed up with Bay Animal Hospital to train fire personnel on pet CPR. The fire department is now carrying masks on emergency vehicles to assist with pet resuscitation. His devotion to human kind and animals gives him satisfaction in his everyday life as a Firefighter/Paramedic.

Police Department:

New Hire

Eve Irvine is the new Police Chief for the Manhattan Beach Police Department. Chief Irvine began her law enforcement career with the City of Inglewood where she served for over 29 years. Chief Irvine started her career in Inglewood as a Police Cadet in 1982 and later became a sworn officer in 1989. While serving as a detective, she became a nationally recognized expert in the area of domestic violence and has worked a variety of assignments (sex crimes, child abuse, assault & robbery, patrol, field supervisor, watch commander, training & personnel). Chief Irvine was promoted to the rank of Police Sergeant in 1994 and to Lieutenant in 1999 where she served as adjutant to the Chief of Police. In conjunction with her adjutant duties she commanded the Community Affairs Section, Internal Affairs and served as Press Information Officer. In 2003, she was promoted to the rank of Police Captain where she served the City of Inglewood for eight years before coming to Manhattan Beach Police Department. Police Chief Irvine has a Bachelor's of Science in Business and Management from the University of Redlands and a Master's of Business Administration from the University of La Verne. She is also a graduate of the FBI National Academy.

Service Awards

Nan Rados, Police Lieutenant	25 Years of Dedicated Service
Theresa Gaitan, Police Records Tech/Matron	20 Years of Dedicated Service
Timothy Hageman, Police Lieutenant	20 Years of Dedicated Service
Robert Schreiber, Police Officer	15 Years of Dedicated Service

Steve Tobias, Police Sergeant, is not able to attend tonight's presentation, but the city wishes to recognize his 20 years of dedicated service.

Promotions

Tim Hageman was recently promoted to Police Lieutenant. Lieutenant Hageman began his career with the United States Air Force after graduating from Bishop Montgomery High School. He left the US Air Force four years later with an honorably discharged as a Sergeant. In 1991, Lieutenant Hageman joined the Manhattan Beach Police Department where he has served the community for over 20 years. Lieutenant Hageman has worked in a variety of assignments (patrol, Field Training Officer, juvenile detective, School Resource Officer, DUI Team, DRE, SWAT Team, and Crisis Negotiation Team) and has served on several committees. In 2004, he was promoted to the rank of Police Sergeant, where he worked as a Watch Commander/Field Sergeant and as the Department's Training Sergeant. Lieutenant Tim Hageman is currently pursuing a Bachelor's Degree in Criminal Justice.

Steve Kitsios was recently promoted to Police Sergeant. Sergeant Kitsios started his career in law enforcement as a volunteer with the City of Torrance Police Department after graduating from high school. In 1996, he joined the police explorer academy with the Torrance Police Department. While serving as a police explorer he was hired as a Police Cadet with the City of Manhattan Beach Department. Sergeant Kitsios also worked part-time positions with the City of Manhattan Beach as a Community Services Officer and Police Services Officer (Jailer) before becoming a Police Officer in 2001. He has worked in a variety of assignments (detectives, crisis negotiation team, southbay platoon, explorer advisor and School Resources Officer). Sergeant Kitsios has an Associate degree in Administration of Justice from El Camino College and earned his Bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice with a minor in Sociology from Northern Arizona University.

Public Works Department:

Service Awards

Richard Woods, Maintenance Worker II, is not able to attend tonight's presentation, but the city wishes to recognize his 20 years of dedicated service.