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City of Manhattan Beach Announces Retirement of Fire Chief Robert Espinosa

Manhattan Beach, CA (October 25, 2017) – Fire Chief Robert Espinosa and City Manager Mark Danaj announce Chief Espinosa's retirement, effective December 23, 2017.

"After nearly four decades of service as a professional firefighter, the last 6½ years of which I have had the honor to serve as Fire Chief for Manhattan Beach, I am retiring with the knowledge I am leaving this fine organization with a great leadership team in place," says Chief Espinosa.

Chief Espinosa's Fire Service career began in the United States Army as a Fire Protection Specialist. After serving assignments in Fairbanks, Alaska and Yuma Proving Grounds in Arizona, Chief Espinosa received an Honorable Discharge in January 1982, and subsequently served the Cities of El Segundo, Long Beach, and Rialto before becoming Fire Chief for the City of Manhattan Beach.

"The Chief has been an integral part of our community through his involvement with the Manhattan Beach Community Emergency Response Team (MBCERT), the Manhattan Beach Rotary Club, and Leadership Manhattan Beach, as well as providing a heightened focus on disaster preparedness. Bob will be greatly missed," says Mayor David Lesser.

City Manager Mark Danaj commends Chief Espinosa as a great leader and credits him with many accomplishments during his tenure as Fire Chief. "Our Fire Department has experienced many advancements in technology and the delivery of emergency medical services, focusing on creating cost and resource efficiencies, a safer work environment, customer service initiatives, and providing personal and professional growth for our employees."

As the Chief reflects on his time in Manhattan Beach, he is thankful for the many great memories, accomplishments, friendships, and relationships that will last a lifetime, as well as the opportunity to positively impact this great community. "The City Manager, City Council, and the entire City organization have been wonderful to work with and have been a part of this amazing career. I feel blessed to have been a part of something special in Manhattan Beach."

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