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Chief Barry Made Permanent



■ **Interim Fire Chief Douglas Barry to lead the LAFD permanently.**

FIRE DEPT. — After a national search for a new, permanent fire chief, Fire Chief Douglas Barry had the “interim” removed from his title at a press conference Aug. 21, in which Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa announced that Barry would become the department’s head permanently.

Fire Chief Douglas L. Barry is a 31-year veteran of the Los Angeles Fire Department who has distinguished himself through his exemplary record as a Firefighter, Engineer, Captain, Battalion Chief, Chief of Staff, and Assistant Chief, and most recently as the Interim LAFD Fire Chief.

Chief Barry joined the LAFD as a Firefighter in 1975 and quickly excelled through the ranks, being promoted to Apparatus Operator in 1979 and Engineer in 1980, followed by promotions to Captain I and Captain II in 1986 and 1989 respectively.

In 1993, Chief Barry assumed command of Battalion 13, where he supervised the daily operations of five Fire Stations in the South Los Angeles area. As head of Battalion 13, Chief Barry fostered strong relationships with Neighborhood Councils, Community Groups, Local Churches, and the Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) and Los Angeles County Fire Department.

In 1995, Chief Barry took command of the LAFD’s Operations Office, where he was responsible for overseeing the management of

Department discipline, Worker’s Compensation, and Wellness and Risk management programs. Chief Barry also served as liaison to the City Attorney’s Office and the LAPD.

In 1996, Fire Chief William Bamattre appointed Chief Barry to serve as his Chief of Staff, where he served as the principal liaison to the City Council and Mayor’s Office. Chief Barry also provided leadership and oversight to the Fire Chief’s Planning Section, Employee Relations Office, and Community Relations Office.

In 1997, Chief Barry assumed command of LAFD’s Battalion 11, covering six Fire Stations in the Wilshire Corridor. As head of the

Battalion, Chief Barry maintained strong relationships with chambers of commerce and a number of diverse community groups.

In 2000, Chief Barry took command of Battalion 6, in the Harbor area, overseeing operations at nine Fire Stations responsible for fire protecting the Port of Los Angeles. Chief Barry also served as liaison to the U. S. Coast Guard, Port Authorities, the Chambers of Commerce and the Los Angeles County and Long Beach Fire Departments.

In 2004, Chief Barry was appointed to Assistant Chief and assigned to command Division II, which incorporates all of South Los Angeles, including the Los Angeles International Airport and Port of Los Angeles.

Before assuming the position of Interim Fire Chief, Chief Barry served as the Assistant Fire Marshal, managing the day-to-day operations of the Fire Prevention Bureau, including inspections of high-rise and commercial occupancies, brush and hazardous materials processors.

Chief Barry was born and raised in the South Bay, attending Narbonne High School, L.A. Harbor College, and California State University, Long Beach. Chief Barry is married and has three adult daughters. Chief Barry has earned the respect and support of his fellow Firefighters and community, where he serves as Treasurer/Trustee and Deacon of Mt. Sinai Baptist Church in San Pedro.

Congratulations, Chief Barry!



Fire Chief Douglas Barry

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