



## OLYMPIC VALLEY PUBLIC SERVICE DISTRICT



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### OLYMPIC VALLEY FIRE CHIEF ANNOUNCES RETIREMENT

Olympic Valley, CA - Fire Chief Allen Riley will retire from the Olympic Valley Fire Department in July 2023, concluding a remarkable 30-year career dedicated to the safety and well-being of our community. Chief Riley's retirement marks the end of an era characterized by unwavering commitment, exceptional leadership, and tireless efforts that have shaped our Fire Department's high standard of service.

Chief Riley joined the Olympic Valley community as a volunteer in 1993 and steadily progressed through the ranks, eventually assuming the role of the Department's 5th Fire Chief in its 63-year history. From his early days as a passionate firefighter, Chief Riley demonstrated an innate ability to inspire and a deep dedication to public safety. Throughout his tenure, he implemented initiatives to enhance the department's efficiency and effectiveness, embracing technological advancements and modern firefighting techniques to equip our firefighters with the best resources available.

Leading the Department through a challenging financial period, Chief Riley navigated with composure and balance, addressing pension debt and responsibly managing the budgetary reins. His composed temperament proved invaluable to the District as spending initiatives, wages, and benefits were consistently evaluated.

Mike Geary, General Manager of the Olympic Valley PSD, praised Chief Riley's experience, leadership qualities, integrity, education, work ethic, communication, and dedication, noting that his efforts propelled the OVFD to become one of the best Fire Departments in Tahoe. Chief Riley fostered relationships within the organization, the community, and partner agencies, leaving a lasting impact on the service levels provided to residents, businesses, and visitors.

While Chief Allen Riley's retirement leaves a void in our Fire Department and community, his contributions will continue to shape our future. The Firewise Community and Fuels Management Program are testaments to his foresight, leadership, and unwavering dedication to public safety. We express our heartfelt gratitude to Chief Riley for his exceptional service and wish him a fulfilling

retirement. The positive impact he has made on our community will be cherished and carried forward by future generations. Chief Riley will be replaced by the Department's new Fire Chief Brad Chisholm.

In his own words, Captain Riley expressed his honor and humility in serving as the Olympic Valley Fire Department's Chief. He enjoyed collaborating with community members, businesses, and the men and women of the Department to provide progressive, professional emergency response services. Chief Riley acknowledged the support of the Olympic Valley PSD Board of Directors and the community, expressing gratitude for the confidence placed in him. Lastly, he commended the men and women of the Department for their courage, compassion, and professionalism, reflecting on his pride in having worked with them over the past three decades.

Chief Riley, originally from Vermont, discovered his passion for the outdoors and skiing. In 1989, he relocated to the Lake Tahoe area, working in the ski and service industries and building construction. After joining Olympic Valley Fire as a volunteer, he transitioned to part-time employment in 1994 and became a full-time firefighter in 2000. Chief Riley's journey included promotions to B Shift Captain and Fire Prevention Officer. He holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Civil Engineering from the University of Nevada, Reno.

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