



# City of Placentia Press Release

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## **PLACENTIA HIRES EXPERIENCED INTERIM FIRE CHIEF TO LEAD TRANSITION TO LOCAL CITY OF PLACENTIA FIRE DEPARTMENT**

**PLACENTIA, CA** - Following the approval to establish its own Placentia Fire and Life Safety Department, the City of Placentia is pleased to announce the hiring of Senior Executive Fire Advisor Scott Ferguson to fulfill the duties of Interim Fire Chief to assist with the transition to a locally-controlled Fire Department.

“Chief Ferguson is a highly-qualified Fire Chief with significant experience,” said Damien R. Arrula, City Administrator. “Interim Chief Ferguson offers decades of experience as a firefighter and Chief-including building fire departments from the ground up, and recruiting and retaining highly experienced firefighters.”

“With over ten years of experience as a Fire Chief and 37 years of dedication in the fire industry, Fire Chief Ferguson brings expertise from multiple cities including Santa Monica, Manhattan Beach and most recently Murrieta,” said former OCFA Board of Director and Placentia Councilmember Craig Green. “As a former President of the Riverside County and Los Angeles Area Fire Chiefs associations, Interim Chief Ferguson has extensive experience working with local agencies and organizations as well as extensive day-to-day firefighting emergency and fire leadership expertise.”

“It is an honor to help the City of Placentia prepare to serve the residents as a full-service city,” said Scott Ferguson. “I firmly believe in the proven fire deployment model Placentia has created and I look forward to transforming this new Fire Department into being technologically advanced, efficient, and high-quality. I am ready to begin working with the community to build a locally-controlled and operated Fire Department that we can all be proud of and fits Placentia well.”

“The City is excited to start building its local, Placentia Fire and Life Safety Department with Chief Ferguson,” said Mayor Rhonda Shader. “The City is already moving forward with purchasing the necessary fire apparatus, tools and equipment. Chief Ferguson will be critical in assisting with this process and providing the staffing, training, and preparation of our Fire Department to take command on July 1, 2020.”

Chief Ferguson will continue moving the Fire Department forward smoothly with no interruption to the community’s public safety services. Mr. Ferguson will assist the City with the recruitment of a permanent Fire Chief as well as all fire personnel, policies, and procedures to stand up the Placentia Fire and Life Safety Department.

For more information and continual updates, please visit [www.placentia.org/fireems](http://www.placentia.org/fireems).

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