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PLACENTIA INTERIM FIRE CHIEF SCOTT FERGUSON BEGINS TODAY

PLACENTIA, CA – Interim Fire Chief Scott Ferguson begins his first day at the City of Placentia on Tuesday, July 30, 2019. With over 37 years of experience in the fire industry, Fire Chief Ferguson will lead the transition to a locally-controlled Fire Department as decided by the Placentia City Council on June 4, 2019.

“One of his first tasks will include building upon the already established agreements to provide mutual and automatic aid to surrounding cities,” said former OCFA Board of Director and Placentia Councilmember Craig Green. “As a former President of two Fire Chiefs Associations, Interim Fire Chief Ferguson is the right person to coordinate the policies and procedures to ensure Placentia is the best mutual/automatic aid partner to our neighboring fire departments.”

“The City Council has been moving decisively forward towards building the Placentia Fire Department,” said Mayor Rhonda Shader. “The City could not be more confident to have Interim Fire Chief Ferguson on-board and we look forward to continuing to update the community on the excellent progress we will continue to make.”

“Chief Ferguson is a proven leader in the fire service,” said Damien R. Arrula, City Administrator. “With decades of experience in the fire industry, as well as building fire departments from the ground up, Chief Ferguson is an asset to the Placentia team and our community.”

“The City of Placentia has already done an excellent job of starting the process to establish its own Fire Department, including taking the first steps to secure quality fire apparatus,” said Scott Ferguson. “The next phase involves building a team of dedicated, highly-qualified fire personnel that will provide the best services to Placentia residents. I am excited to be a part of this team as it begins its journey to create a world-class organization.”

Chief Ferguson’s contract was approved at the June 18, 2019 City Council meeting. Interim Chief Ferguson will help ensure that the City of Placentia successfully transitions from its current contract provider to the Placentia Fire and Life Safety Department on July 1, 2020.

For more information and continual updates, please visit www.placentia.org/fireems.

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