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FIRE CHIEF

BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS
FILE NO. 07-097

TO: Board of Fire Commissioners
FROM: Douglas L. Barry, Fire Chief
SUBJECT: SPECIAL RETIREMENT RESOLUTION FOR CAPTAIN II KENNETH E. BUZZELL

FINAL ACTION:	<input type="checkbox"/> Approved	<input type="checkbox"/> Approved w/Corrections	<input type="checkbox"/> Withdrawn
	<input type="checkbox"/> Denied	<input type="checkbox"/> Received & Filed	<input type="checkbox"/> Other

Recommendations: That the Board:

1. Grant approval for a Special Retirement Resolution for Captain II Kenneth E. Buzzell.
2. Authorize the Commission Executive Assistant II to modify the attached Resolution as deemed necessary.

Summary:

In July 13, 2007, Captain II Kenneth E. Buzzell retired from the Los Angeles Fire Department with over 32 years of service. These years of service make him eligible to receive a Certificate of Appreciation from the Department. However, due to Captain Buzzell's service record with the United Firefighters of Los Angeles City and his continued assistance to Department members, a Special Retirement Resolution from the Fire Commission would be appropriate.

Captain Buzzell worked for the United Firefighter of Los Angeles City (UFLAC), Local 112, for 25 years. He was on the Negotiating Team for 25 years, with 18 as Chief Negotiator. He also served on the Executive Board, serving ten of those years as President.

From his experience gained at UFLAC, Captain Buzzell continues to assist members by representing them during his personal time at Pension Board Hearings and Workers' Comp. Hearings. He has also helped widows and families with the processes associated with obtaining benefits due to them during their difficult time of grieving.

Conclusion:

Captain Buzzell's expertise has assisted many members during a major transition in their lives, as well as served the membership in a leadership position with UFLAC, and he is deserving of a Special Retirement Resolution.

Board report prepared by Judy Hom, Executive Administrative Assistant, Operations.

Attachment

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, CAPTAIN II KENNETH E. BUZZELL retired from the LOS ANGELES FIRE DEPARTMENT effective July 13, 2007;

WHEREAS, CAPTAIN II KENNETH E. BUZZELL was appointed to the LOS ANGELES FIRE DEPARTMENT on February 16, 1975 and has served unselfishly and professionally for over 35 years in the following positions:

Firefighter	February 16, 1975
Apparatus Operator	February 25, 1979
Captain I	January 9, 1980
Captain II	April 23, 1989

WHEREAS, CAPTAIN II KENNETH E. BUZZELL achieved success in the most challenging of assignments and faithfully served the CITY OF LOS ANGELES at Fire Stations 1, 12, 50, 55, 66, 16, 73, 21, 63, 49, and 85, as well as the Community Service Unit; and

WHEREAS, CAPTAIN II KENNETH E. BUZZELL, during his service to the LOS ANGELES FIRE DEPARTMENT dealt with countless emergencies, disasters and noteworthy events; and

WHEREAS, CAPTAIN II KENNETH E. BUZZELL, has served with the United Firefighters of Los Angeles City Local 112 for over 25 years. He was on the Negotiating Team for 25 years, with 18 years as Chief Negotiator. He also served on the Executive Board, serving 10 of those years as President. Though he no longer on the UFLAC Board, he unselfishly, continues to assist members by representing them, on his personal time, at Pension Board Hearings and Workers' Comp. Hearings. He has also helped widows and families with the processes associated with obtaining benefits due to them during their difficult time of grieving.

WHEREAS, CAPTAIN II KENNETH E. BUZZELL earned the admiration and respect of his peers and subordinates through his dedication and commitment to fire service and the LOS ANGELES FIRE DEPARTMENT.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the members of the BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS and the LOS ANGELES FIRE DEPARTMENT do hereby express their personal gratitude and appreciation to CAPTAIN II KENNETH E. BUZZELL for his devoted, loyal and invaluable service; and for providing his professional expertise and knowledge to benefit the citizens of the CITY OF LOS ANGELES; and hereby extend to him best wishes for a healthy, happy and rewarding retirement.

Executed this 17th day of July, 2007

FOR THE FIRE DEPARTMENT

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Attest:

Blanca Gomez-Revelles
Commission Executive Assistant II