

MEMORANDUM
OFFICE OF THE
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF PLACER

TO: Honorable Board of Supervisors

FROM: Teri Ivaldi, Chief of Staff

DATE: September 1, 2015

SUBJECT: COMMENDATION – Approve and present a Commendation honoring Ed Zimmerman for thirty three years of service in Placer County as a Volunteer Firefighter

ACTION REQUESTED

Approve and present a Commendation honoring Ed Zimmerman for thirty-three years of service in Placer County as a Volunteer Firefighter

BACKGROUND

Ed Zimmerman moved to Placer County in 1978, married his wife Elizabeth and raised five children in the Lincoln area. Ed obtained an AA degree from Sacramento City College where he studied Surveying and Mechanical Engineering which lead to his career spanning over forty years as a professional land surveyor. During that time, he worked for Spink Engineering, the City of Sacramento, the State Land Commission, Cal Trans and also spent thirty-five years at Sacramento City College as Adjunct Professor instructing land surveying and mapping.

In August of 1982, Ed joined a small group of Lincoln residents to assist in forming a volunteer firefighters program for the rural Lincoln area. Their efforts were fueled through the 110% support they received from their District 2 Supervisors, first Alex Ferreira, followed by Robert Weygandt, who both graciously extended encouragement, sound advice and a pat on the back whenever it was needed.

Through the years, Ed excelled through the ranks to become the senior firefighter at the Fowler Fire Station No. 73 where he has served as Captain for over twenty-two years. As Captain, Ed led and trained more than twenty-six volunteers using a "Para Military" discipline and Cal Fire training procedures to transform his cadets into unpaid professionals, qualified at the same level of competency as full time professionals to answer the wide range of calls received at all hours of the day and night 24/7/365.

Ed takes great pride in the five volunteers he trained that have become full time professional firefighters believing he played a small part in leading them down their paths to success, another benefit of his volunteer career. He also extends great credit to his wife and family for their sacrifices over the years having to share holidays and vacation plans when duty called.

Ed considers himself a professional and when asked what he found most rewarding, Ed responded, "It's the people that make the job worthwhile; those you help change their lives for the better; those that change your life for the better; those you work along-side in the trenches; those that help bring the program to fruition and those that stop by just to say thank you. Why, I even had the pleasure of bringing a baby girl into this world on one call and I still see that young lady around today".

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no fiscal impact.

SEPTEMBER 1, 2015 IN THE MATTER OF A COMMENDATION HONORING ED ZIMMERMAN FOR THIRTY-THREE YEARS OF SERVICE IN PLACER COUNTY AS A VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTER

WHEREAS, Ed Zimmerman moved to Placer County in 1978, married his wife Elizabeth and raised five children in the Lincoln area; and

WHEREAS, Ed obtained an AA degree from Sacramento City College where he studied Surveying and Mechanical Engineering which lead to his career spanning over forty years as a professional land surveyor. During that time, he worked for Spink Engineering, the City of Sacramento, the State Land Commission, Cal Trans and also spent thirty-five years at Sacramento City College as Adjunct Professor instructing land surveying and mapping; and

WHEREAS, as a child, Ed dreamed of becoming a firefighter someday; a dream that came true in August of 1982 when he joined a small group of Lincoln residents to assist in forming a volunteer firefighters program for the rural Lincoln area; and

WHEREAS, their efforts were fueled through the 110% support they received from their District 2 Supervisors, first Alex Ferreira, followed by Robert Weygandt, who both graciously extended encouragement, sound advice and a pat on the back whenever it was needed; and

WHEREAS, through the years, Ed excelled through the ranks to become the senior firefighter at the Fowler Fire Station No. 73 where he has served as Captain for over twenty-two years; and

WHEREAS; as Captain, Ed led and trained more than twenty-six volunteers using a para military discipline and Cal Fire training procedures to transform his cadets into unpaid professionals, qualified at the same level of competency as full time professionals to answer the wide range of calls received at all hours of the day and night 24/7/365; and

WHEREAS, Ed takes great pride in the five volunteers he trained that have become full time professional firefighters believing he played a small part in leading them down their paths to success, another benefit of his volunteer career. He also extends great credit to his wife and family for their sacrifices over the years having to share holidays and vacation plans when duty called; and

WHEREAS, Ed considers himself a professional and when asked what he found most rewarding, Ed responded, "It's the people that make the job worthwhile; those you help change their lives for the better; those that change your life for the better; those you work along-side in the trenches; those that help bring the program to fruition and those that stop by just to say thank you. Why, I even had the pleasure of bringing a baby girl into this world on one call and I still see that young lady around today"; and

WHEREAS, Ed looks forward to enjoying more time with his family and his race car hobby upon his final retirement feeling confident he will be leaving his community and station in competent, well trained hands.

NOW, THEREFORE, LET IT BE KNOWN THAT, the Placer County Board of Supervisors thank Ed Zimmerman for his dedication and commitment as a Volunteer Firefighter at Station 73 for the past 33 years and recognizes his contributions to making Placer County a safer place through his pursuit of professionalism in all of his work and wish him well in all his years of retirement.

**Kirk Uhler, Supervisor District 4,
Chairman 2015**

**Jack Duran, Supervisor District 1
Robert M. Weygandt, Supervisor District 2
Jim Holmes, Supervisor District 3
Jennifer Montgomery, Supervisor District 5**