ANNOUNCEMENT

DATE: August 10, 2011

TO: All Personnel

FROM: Kathi Young, Acting Human Resources Manager

SUBJECT: Death of Retired Fire Chief Leonard T. Bell

DISPOSITION: Read/Post/Destroy September 12, 2011

Retired Fire Chief Leonard T. Bell answered his last alarm on August 7, 2011. He was 93 years old.

Leonard joined our Department on July 20, 1942. He promoted through the ranks from Firefighter to Engineer on 08/01/1947. He then progressed to Lieutenant on 09/01/1949, became a Captain on 07/01/55 and promoted to Fire Marshall on 08/31/62. Ultimately, he became a Deputy Chief on 07/10/64 and Fire Chief on July 1, 1968.

Fire Chief Bell retired on January 17, 1975, with over 43 years of service to the Department.

He came to San Diego in 1925 with his parents and brother (Deputy Chief Henry “Babe” Bell, recently deceased). He saw much growth and many changes in the city during his long life.

He is survived by his four children, Sally, Randy, Barry and Mike Nivison (who retired in 1981 as a Fire Captain), his daughter-in-law, Cate, and his grandchildren, Aurelia and Mike.

Private services will be held for the family members.

Condolences can be sent to:

Barry Bell (son)
1220 Johnson Avenue
San Diego, CA 92103