

ANNOUNCEMENT

DATE: December 12, 2005

TO: All Personnel

FROM: Patricia Nunez, Human Resources Manager

SUBJECT: Death of Retired Fire Battalion Chief Kenneth Rice

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Retired Fire Battalion Chief Kenneth Louis Rice, 63, passed away Sunday, December 11, 2005 at Alvarado Hospital, surrounded by family and friends. Chief Rice joined the department on March 15, 1965, promoted to Engineer on January 8, 1971, to Captain on June 8, 1973 and to Battalion Chief on June 20, 1980. Chief Rice retired on April 1, 2002 and remained in Descanso with his wife, Nancy. If you would like to send a card to Nancy and the family, the address is 10071 Hulburd Grove Drive, Descanso, California 91916.

An accomplished urban fire officer, Chief Rice was also well respected within the Wildland firefighting community. Considered as the department's expert, Chief Rice annually conducted refresher training through IST in Wildland/Urban Interface firefighting in preparation for the upcoming fire season. He'll always be remembered with his flare gun in a holster on his hip and his saying "Katy, bar the door." His flare gun was gold plated upon his retirement in 2002 and holds a place of honor in his home today.

A memorial service will be held next week on a B or C Division day. Details will be forthcoming as soon as they are available.

