

## ANNOUNCEMENT

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**DATE:** March 26, 2007

**TO:** All Personnel

**FROM:** Grace Yamane, Battalion Chief, Human Resources Officer

**SUBJECT:** Death of Retired Firefighter Ralph Beaton

**DISPOSITION:** Read/Post/Destroy April 2, 2007

Retired Firefighter Ralph Edward Beaton, age 77, unexpectedly answered his last alarm on Thursday, March 8, 2007 while in Baja, Mexico. Ralph was born in Worchester, Massachusetts on October 15, 1930.

Ralph worked as a salesman and laborer prior to joining our Department on October 23, 1959 with badge #542. He was also a Coast Guard Reservist working with Port Security. He retired from the Department on October 18, 1980, after 21 years of dedicated service.

Ralph was an avid tennis and basketball player, but was most devoted (over the last 40 years) to collecting and distributing clothing, house wares, and other essentials to the less fortunate living in Mexico.

A memorial service is scheduled for 1000 hours on March 30, 2007 at Holy Trinity Church, 405 Ballard, in El Cajon, CA. A reception is to follow in the church hall. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Ralph Beaton Memorial Fund, Washington Mutual Bank, so that his charitable work in Mexico may continue.

