## **ANNOUNCEMENT**

**DATE:** February 5, 2004

**TO:** All Personnel

**FROM:** Javier Mainar, Human Resources Officer

**SUBJECT:** Memorial Services for Fire Captain Craig Nielsen

**DISPOSITION:** Read/Post/Destroy February 20, 2004

As you have been previously informed, Fire Captain Craig Nielsen, age 57, passed away at 12:30 p.m. on Tuesday, January 13, 2004. He is survived by his wife Leslie, and adult children Derek and Heather.

Captain Nielsen joined our Department in August of 1974. He was promoted to Engineer in 1981, and to Captain in 1989. He was assigned to Station 34/A at the time of his death, but on leave while recovering from recent surgery. Captain Nielsen also spent several years in the Fire Communications Center where he served as Dispatch Captain and provided considerable technical assistance during the transition to the current CAD system.

A Memorial Service for Captain Nielsen will be held at 1 p.m. on Tuesday, February 10, 2004 on the Memorial Court adjacent to the Training Division offices at the Regional Public Safety Training Institute. A procession to Fort Rosecrans National Cemetary, located on Cabrillo Memorial Drive, San Diego, will immediately follow for a brief interment service. A post-service reception will be held at the Firehouse Museum, located at the intersection of Columbia and Cedar Streets.

The Nielsen Family has requested that fire fighters wishing to attend wear their Class A uniform. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the SDFRA Benevolent Fund, c/o the San Diego Fireman's Relief Association, 10509 San Diego Mission Road, Ste. F, San Diego, CA 92108.

In an effort to ensure proper protocol is observed during this Memorial Service, personnel are reminded to wear a complete Class A uniform to include the uniform cap and a black band or tape across the badge. Please arrive at the Memorial Court by 12:45 p.m. so that uniformed personnel may be formed into ranks. Seating will only be available for family members.

All Department flags will continue to be flown at half-mast through the day of the services.



