

ANNOUNCEMENT

DATE: December 23, 2004

TO: All Personnel

FROM: Ronnie Hicks, Battalion Chief, Human Resources Officer

SUBJECT: Memorial Services for Retired Battalion Chief Charles W. Thropp (**REVISED**)

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The Human Resources Division has been informed that retired Battalion Chief Charles W. Thropp, age 92, passed away on Sunday, December 26, 2004 surrounded by family and friends. Chief Thropp began his career with the department on January 2, 1937. He was appointed to the position of Fire Engineer in 1942, Lieutenant in 1946, Captain in 1948 and Battalion Chief in 1959. Assigned to Battalion 4 on "B" Division at the time of his retirement on March 17, 1977, Chief Thropp provided 40 years of loyal and dedicated service to our community. After his retirement, Chief Thropp remained involved in the community, often working with programs for the needy and the annual Thunder Boat races on Mission Bay. Chief Thropp resided in La Verne, CA with his daughter Gailyn over the past eight years where he was befriended by many members of the La Verne Fire Department.

A memorial service for Battalion Chief Thropp will be held in the **Garden Chapel** at Greenwood Memorial Park, 4300 Imperial Ave., San Diego, at **3:30 p.m.** on Thursday, December 30, 2004. The family has requested that active duty firefighters attending the memorial service wear their Class "A" uniform.

All Department flags are to be flown at half-mast on the day of Battalion Chief Thropp's services.

