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DATE: November 9, 2004

TO: All Personnel

FROM: Javier Mainar, Human Resources Officer

SUBJECT: Death of Retired Firefighter Dennis Hedrick

DISPOSITION: Read/Post/Destroy December 1, 2004

I am sorry to report that Retired Firefighter Dennis Hedrick, age 59, succumbed to a long battle with cancer on November 8, 2004. Dennis is the brother of Retired Fire Captain Larry Cooke. Dennis and his wife had been staying with Larry in his El Cajon home during the final stages of Dennis' illness. Dennis passed away in his sleep following a day spent with family and friends gathered at his side.

Dennis joined our Department on July 20, 1973. He served for many years at fire stations 10 and 31 and received a disability retirement on November 19, 1982. Dennis had a keen interest in fire service history and was very involved in the Firehouse Museum, serving as its director for several years. Dennis also served his community through his involvement with the Masons and Elks fraternal organizations.

A Celebration of Life gathering will be held at the Firehouse Museum at 10 a.m. on Saturday, November 13, 2004, to honor Dennis. The Hedrick and Cooke families welcome your attendance to share in the celebration. The dress is casual and light refreshments will be served. Please feel free to bring any photographs and to share any remembrances of Dennis.