

HCR 21 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Rules

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Meeting Dates: 3/18

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Recognizes and honors Chief Michael Duyck for his service to Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue and the State of Oregon.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

Over the last 33 years Chief Michael Duyck has bravely served his community and state through his career as a firefighter. Chief Duyck plans to retire in June 2019, leaving Tualatin Valley Fire and Rescue with very sizeable shoes to fill.

Chief Duyck is a native Oregonian who was raised in the fire service as the son of a fire chief in Washington County. In 1986 he began his own firefighting career as a volunteer at Washington County Fire District 2 and only two years later he became a professional firefighter with the Lake Oswego Fire Department. Chief Duyck joined Tualatin Valley Fire and Rescue in 1995, marking the beginning of a remarkable career at Tualatin Valley Fire and Rescue that has lasted nearly 25 years. During his time at Tualatin Valley Fire and Rescue he was promoted through all operational ranks and served in numerous leadership roles culminating in his appointment as chief in 2010.

Under Chief Duyck's leadership, Tualatin Valley Fire and Rescue became one of the first fire agencies in the nation to deploy nontraditional, single-paramedic rapid response cars on noncritical calls for service, allowing fire engines and larger trucks to remain available to contend with emergencies of greater severity. It was also under Chief Duyck that Tualatin Valley Fire and Rescue implemented Oregon's first PulsePoint mobile application as a means to dispatch CPR-trained citizen rescuers to the scenes of public cardiac arrests. These are just a few examples of how Chief Duyck's innovative vision and leadership have greatly enhanced fire protection and emergency medical services at Tualatin Valley Fire and Rescue and throughout the state.

After a remarkable career saving many lives and greatly improving the safety of his community and state, Chief Duyck is looking forward to spending more time on the family farm and enjoying the company of his wife Ann and his daughters Kimberly and Joanna.

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