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Eustis Fire Chief to Retire

Captain Rex Winn has been appointed Interim Fire Chief

EUSTIS – Chief Roy Tremain recently announced his plan to retire from the City of Eustis Fire Department, effective March 17, 2009. Chief Tremain will be on annual leave pending his official retirement date. A public farewell event is being planned and will be announced at a later date.

Chief Tremain spent almost his entire adult life in public service, beginning as Marine for 4 years with 1 year served in Vietnam. Following his active duty service, he served as both a firefighter and a reserve police officer for the City of Mt. Dora for 24 years. Chief Tremain joined the Eustis Fire Department in November 1995, as a Captain over the Fire Suppression Division, and was appointed Chief in October 2004.



Chief Roy Tremain

Chief Tremain received an Associate of Science Degree in Fire Service and an Associate of Arts Degree from Lake Sumter Community College. Chief Tremain is a State of Florida Certified Municipal Fire Inspector, Fire Instructor, Fire Officer, and Emergency Medical Technician. During almost 38 years in the fire service, Chief Tremain has received numerous certificates for specialized training and he is a member of the International Fire Chiefs Association, Florida Fire Chiefs Association, and the Lake-Sumter Fire Chiefs Association.

Chief Tremain stated he is extremely proud of the members of the Eustis Fire Department and their commitment to provide Eustis residents with the highest level of fire protection and basic life support services possible.

According to Chief Fred Cobb, Public Safety Director for the City of Eustis, “Chief Tremain is a consummate professional and was one of the driving forces behind the Fire Department and City making the decision to provide Basic Life Support (BLS) services for our residents. Chief Tremain also established a number of innovative programs during his tenure as Fire Chief, including a program to provide free smoke detectors for low-income residents, implementation of the Fire Department’s first EMS bicycle team, an infant car seat installation project, and the department’s Back-to-School Safety Awareness Program.”

Paul Berg, City Manager for the City of Eustis, stated, “Chief Tremain has been a dedicated public servant; no one has put more heart and soul into their work. Roy has been a great advocate for the City of Eustis and for the Eustis Fire Department. We wish him all the best in his retirement.”

Captain Rex Winn, who first joined the Eustis Fire Department in December 1993 as a firefighter, has been appointed Interim Fire Chief. Chief Winn will remain in this position pending the appointment of a permanent fire chief.

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