

CERTIFICATE OF RECOGNITION

Victor Ferrera

The Nevada County Board of Supervisors takes great pleasure in recognizing Vic Ferrera on his retirement.

Vic joined Nevada County in November 2006 as Emergency Services (OES) Program Manager. During his tenure, Vic built an emergency service program and capability that the County can take much pride in. He worked collaboratively, tirelessly, and patiently with countywide emergency service providers, responders, schools, State and Federal agencies, community non-profit agencies and neighborhood associations; for outfitting, training, and exercising all to be prepared for any type of local emergency. He led on community issues such as warm and cold shelters, fire safe inspections, and community outreach events and education. He served on the Operational Area Emergency Services Council, the Emergency Medical Care Committee, and the Drought Response Team. He also advised and assisted the Board in developing two hazardous vegetation ordinances. In 2013 Vic obtained a grant through the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), which enabled 65 representatives from multiple agencies across Nevada County to participate in a week-long community-specific emergency training at FEMA's training center in Maryland. Nevada County was one of only 15 jurisdictions in the United States to be offered the course in the 2013-14 fiscal year.

While serving as the OES Program Manager, Vic served as a Marijuana Nuisance Abatement Hearing Officer during 2012-2014. He also served as the County Veterans' Services Officer (VSO) from October 28, 2014 to April 24, 2016. With over 28 years of service in the US Air Force, Vic performed his VSO duties with skill and sensitivity; overseeing and participating in securing the rights and benefits for veterans, dependents and beneficiaries in accordance with federal, state and local regulations and program guidelines. He coordinated the veterans' program with other County programs, outside agencies and public and private organizations. He also moved the VSO to new office space at Brighton Greens, which was an enormous undertaking on its own.

No matter what the task, Vic could be counted on to do whatever was needed, working all hours of the day, night and weekends, and with an enthusiastic, positive attitude. The Nevada County Board of Supervisors thanks Vic for over nine years of leadership and exceptional contributions to the emergency preparedness and management efforts across the County of Nevada, and wishes him a long, healthy and happy retirement.

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