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BOARD AGENDA MEMO

MEETING DATE: December 13, 2022

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Sue Hoek, District 4 Supervisor

SUBJECT: Certificate of recognition for Jim Mathias

RECOMMENDATION: Recognize Jim Mathias for 36 years of contributions to public safety through his career in fire service.

FUNDING: N/A

BACKGROUND: CAL FIRE's Nevada-Yuba-Placer (NEU) North Division Chief Jim Mathias is retiring after 36 years of service as a fire professional.

Jim began his career in 1986 as a volunteer with the City of Grass Valley Fire Department Eagle Hose Company 2 and then with Alta Oaks/Sunset Fire District. In the late eighties, Jim became a certified emergency medical technician and paramedic before working full time for Sierra Nevada Ambulance and Penn Valley Fire Protection District (PVFPD). At PVFPD, Jim was eventually promoted to Fire Apparatus Engineer/Paramedic. In 1997, he joined CAL FIRE in the San Mateo-Santa Cruz Unit (CZU) and graduated number one in his class at the CAL FIRE Academy. He was eventually awarded the Medal of Valor for multiple swift water rescues during the 1998 floods in CZU.

Jim went on to serve in two additional CAL FIRE units, including Amador- El Dorado (AEU) and finally, NEU. Over the course of his career, he played numerous leadership and training roles, and often served as his unit's training officer. He is an active California State Fire Marshal (CSFM) instructor in multiple disciplines, a CSFM Certified Fire Officer, Fire Investigator I, Fire Instructor I, CAL FIRE Public Officer, as well as a U.S. Fire Administration IMT 305 Instructor.

In 2019, Jim was promoted to his final prestigious position of North Division Chief for NEU.

Item Initiated by: Sarah Holyhead, Administrative Analyst II

Approved by: Julie Patterson Hunter, Clerk of the Board

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