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FIRE DEPARTMENT



Deputy Chief Finley Retires After 33 Years of Service

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Charleston, SC (June 27, 2014): The Charleston Fire Department is announcing the retirement of Deputy Chief William Franklin Finley Jr. after 33 years of dedicated service.

Deputy Chief Finley is a second generation Charleston Fire Department member and third member of his family to work for the CFD. He began his career on December 15, 1980 assigned as a Firefighter to Station 2 located at 262 Meeting Street. Chief Finley was promoted to Assistant Engineer on January 29, 1982 and Engineer on October 23, 1982 assigned to Station 10 on Nicholson Drive in West Ashley. On February 8, 1986 he was promoted to Captain and assigned to Station 7 on Fort Johnson Road on James Island and later to Station 8 on Huger Street. In May of 2003, Chief Finley was promoted to Battalion Chief serving in Battalion 4 covering West Ashley and later in Battalion 3 serving the peninsula of Charleston. He was selected and promoted to Deputy Chief of Administration on June 14, 2008.



“On behalf of the Charleston Fire Department, I thank Deputy Chief Finley for his years of service to our city,” said Fire Chief Karen Brack. “He has been a valued member of our team, and we are grateful for his commitment, professionalism, and dedication to the department.”

Deputy Chief Finley was instrumental in developing the fire department’s hazardous materials unit and served as the Hazmat Team Coordinator from 1993 till 2006. Chief Finley served as Interim Fire Chief in March of 2012 prior to the arrival of Chief Karen Brack in August of 2012. Chief Finley was selected as the Rotary Club 2004 Firefighter of the Year.

In retirement, he plans to spend time with his grandchildren, and be outdoors fishing, surfing, and woodworking. Deputy Chief Finley’s last official day with the Charleston Fire Department will be Monday June, 30th.

On behalf of the Charleston Fire Department we would like to thank him for his service and dedication.

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