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Michael Lowry Named as Fire Chief of Escondido

City Manager Clay Phillips announced today that Division Chief Michael Lowry has been named Fire Chief for the City of Escondido, effective December 1, 2008. Chief Lowry will succeed Fire Chief Vic Reed who will retire on December 1, 2008, after 29 years with Escondido.

A twenty-six year veteran, Chief Lowry currently manages and oversees operations, training, facility/equipment maintenance, and emergency medical services.

In making the announcement today, City Manager Clay Phillips noted, "Vic Reed has been the best Fire Chief Escondido has ever had and he isn't easily replaced. But Mike's appointment is a tribute to the talent that we have in our organization. He has risen through the ranks and already has proven he has the talent, ability and vision to lead this department of dedicated firefighters."

Chief Lowry began his career with the City of Escondido in September 1982 as a Firefighter. In 1984 he was promoted to the position of Firefighter/Paramedic. He was promoted to Fire Captain in 1991, a position he held until 2001 when he became a Division Chief. Chief Lowry holds a Bachelor of Science degree from CSU Long Beach.

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