

## HCR 21 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

### Senate Committee On Veterans and Emergency Preparedness

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**Meeting Dates:** 4/17

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#### **WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:**

Recognizes and honors Chief Michael Duyck for his service to Tualatin Valley Fire and Rescue and the State of Oregon.

#### **ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

#### **EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:**

No amendment.

#### **BACKGROUND:**

Chief Michael Duyck is a native Oregonian and the son of a fire chief in Washington County. He began his firefighting career in 1986 as a volunteer with Washington County Fire District 2; became a professional firefighter in 1988 with the Lake Oswego Fire Department; and in 1995, joined Tualatin Valley Fire and Rescue (TVF&R), marking the beginning of a remarkable career with TVF&R that has lasted nearly 25 years.

TVF&R is the largest fire district in Oregon, with 26 fire stations and more than 600 employees who provide fire protection and emergency medical services (EMS) to more than 500,000 residents in 11 cities and portions of four counties. Chief Duyck was promoted through all operational ranks and served in numerous leadership roles at TVF&R, culminating in his appointment as chief in 2010. He has been involved in local, state and national initiatives addressing fire protection and EMS innovation and technology, data-driven deployment and resource management, government efficiency, economic development, public safety services integration and emergency communications dispatch and interoperability. Under his leadership, TVF&R became one of the first fire agencies in the nation to dispatch nontraditional, single-paramedic rapid response cars on noncritical calls, allowing fire engines and larger vehicles to remain available to contend with more severe, additional emergencies. He led the fire service-based coalition that promoted legislation to establish supplemental reimbursement programs to offset the financial burden on EMS entities, and ultimately taxpayers, for covering the uncompensated costs of care for Medicaid beneficiaries. He also implemented Oregon's first PulsePoint mobile application to send CPR-trained citizens to the scenes of public cardiac arrests. He led other initiatives to increase cardiac arrest survival rates in the TVF&R service area and across the state, including legislation to require CPR training in schools, partnerships with hospitals and other EMS entities, and training to ensure that firefighter medics were on the cutting edge of medical practice. Chief Duyck served as chair of the State Interoperability Executive Council, to improve interagency coordination and emergency communications between local, state and tribal public safety personnel; spearheaded the effort to implement FirstNet statewide, a dedicated broadband network prioritizing public safety information exchange during disasters; served as president of the Western Fire Chiefs Association; and occupied key leadership roles with many other entities, including the Oregon Fire Chiefs Association, International Association of Fire Chiefs and Metropolitan Fire Chiefs Association.

Chief Duyck is widely respected for his professionalism, dedication and integrity. His innovative vision and leadership have greatly enhanced the efficiency and quality of fire protection and emergency medical services at TVF&R and throughout the state, saving countless lives. He plans to retire in June 2019, to spend time on the family farm and enjoy the company of his wife Ann and his daughters Kimberly and Joanna, leaving TVF&R with sizeable shoes to fill.

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House Concurrent Resolution 21 honors Chief Michael Duyck, and expresses gratitude for his service to Tualatin Valley Fire and Rescue and to the people of the State of Oregon.

*Unanimous out of House committee and off the House floor.*