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## **PRESS RELEASE**

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**TITLE: PFA FIRE CHIEF JOHN MULLIGAN RETIRES**

Fort Collins, CO – John Mulligan, longtime Poudre Fire Authority Fire Chief has announced his retirement after 33 years of service to the community.

Chief Mulligan stated “I enjoyed my tenure here at PFA and am thankful to have worked with a great group of firefighters and chief officers.” “I would also like to say thank you to everyone including both the Poudre Fire Authority and Poudre Valley Fire Protection District Boards.

Chief Mulligan’s fire service career has spanned more than 44 years starting in California in 1967 as a firefighter in West Covina. From there he worked as a Captain and Battalion Chief in Rancho Cucamonga, Fire Chief in Lompoc, then to Fort Collins as Fire Chief in 1977. As Fort Collins Fire Chief, he was able to work with then Poudre Valley Fire Protection District Chief Chuck Willis to create the Poudre Fire Authority in 1981.

Notable accomplishments Chief Mulligan directed; consolidation of the Fort Collins Fire Department and the Poudre Valley Fire Protection District into the Fire Authority, not only becoming the first consolidation in Colorado but since has been used as a model across the nation; PFA’s Strategic Planning process which has been the guiding document of the authority since its inception and is updated every eight to ten years; and the Colorado Performance Excellence application and award confirming the dedication of PFA to deliver world-class service through increased organizational learning and development, sound management framework, proven financial results, documented benefits to customers, the community, and other stakeholders.

Also during Chief Mulligan’s career he has held many distinctive posts such as Chairman of the Hazardous Materials Committee for the International Fire Chiefs Association; President of Colorado Fire Chiefs Association and a member of the Uniform Fire Code Drafting Committee.

Future plans for Chief Mulligan include continued residency in Fort Collins and a “significant amount of travel.”

PFA has yet to determine details on a replacement process that will include a nation-wide search for this very important public safety position.

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