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TITLE: PFA FIRE CHIEF JOHN MULLIGAN RETIREMENT CEREMONY

Fort Collins, Colo. – A retirement celebration for former Poudre Fire Authority Fire Chief John Mulligan will be Friday, June 10 at the Hilton Fort Collins, 425 W. Prospect Road, Fort Collins.

The celebration will be 5-9 p.m. in Salons 1 and 2. Presentations begin at 5:30 p.m. *The media is welcome to attend for interview, photo and video opportunities.*

Chief Mulligan served the local community for 33 years. His fire service career spanned 44 years, starting in California in 1967 as a firefighter in West Covina; 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 include consolidation of the Fort Collins Fire Department and the Poudre Valley Fire Protection District into the Poudre Fire Authority, not only becoming the first consolidation in Colorado but also implementing what has become a model used across the nation; PFA's Strategic Planning process, which has been the guiding document of the authority since its inception and updated every 8-10 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.

Mulligan 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.

Chief Mulligan's final day of employment with PFA was May 6. Battalion Chief Tom DeMint was selected by the PFA Board of Directors to be Interim Fire Chief.