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Press Release

Fire Chief Eberle Resigns

The Clarkdale Fire District Board of Directors accepted the resignation of Fire Chief Don Eberle at their meeting last night (Thursday, March 13, 2008). His last day will be March 28, 2008. Chief Eberle accepted a Fire Chief's position in Cortez, Colorado.

Chief Eberle retired as Fire Chief from Verde Valley Fire District on December 30, 2005 with over 40 years in the fire service and over 25 years as a fire chief. He came out of retirement in November 2006 to serve as acting chief of the Clarkdale Fire District shortly after the District's creation. In this capacity he played a vital role in transitioning the municipal fire department into a fire district. In February, 2007, Eberle was named the first Fire Chief of the Clarkdale Fire District.

Board Chairman Jim Elmer stated "We are very grateful for the service Chief Eberle has given us. We needed a Chief with his experience and integrity to get us through our first year of operation, and we were very fortunate to have found him. The Board of Directors wish Chief Eberle the best in his new endeavors and hope that the move to Cortez will bring him and his family one step closer to a well deserved retirement. As citizens of Clarkdale, we will always remember Chief Eberle as our first Chief and the fine service he provided to our community. "

The Board of Directors has appointed Captain Joe Moore to act as the Interim Fire Chief while they go through a selection process to fill the Chief's position. Captain Moore has been with the Clarkdale District from its early days of formation and has proven to be a valuable asset to our team. He has previous experience from the Cornville Page Springs District and the Verde Valley Ambulance Company. In addition, Captain Moore served with the US Marine Corp before joining the fire service. The Board of Directors and Chief Eberle, and staff have confidence that Captain Moore will provide solid leadership as we move forward.

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