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**Clarkdale Fire District**

# Press Release

## **Joe Moore appointed Fire Chief**

Last night the Clarkdale Fire District Board of Directors appointed Interim Fire Chief Joe Moore to the position of Fire Chief

**Clarkdale, AZ, June 20, 2008:** Joe Moore was hired by the Clarkdale Fire Department as a Captain/Paramedic on November 7, 2006. When Fire Chief Don Eberle resigned in March this year, the Board of Directors appointed Joe Moore as the Interim Chief. Clarkdale Fire District Board Chairman, Jim Elmer, stated that "Chief Moore has served us well in the interim. Chief Eberle had recommended him and was confident he would do a good job. He has worked hard to provide a smooth transition and has worked well with other agencies to continue the good level of service expected by the Verde Valley. We have received a lot of positive comments from pertinent agencies in the emergency service area. As a board, we were unanimous in our decision to keep Chief Moore on as Fire Chief. It is a good decision for the District, the employees, and for our citizens. We are confident that his ambition and knowledge will keep us moving forward".

Moore has lived in Verde Valley since 1985. He joined the Marine Corps at age 21. He served 5 years in the USMC as a FA18 Support Equipment Hydraulicsman. His deployments are: Nine months in Iwakuni, Japan and 1 month in Osan, Korea during Desert Storm. After leaving the military he worked as a heavy equip operator and aerial lineman for the family business. Due to his children's interest in motocross, he created the Verde Valley Motorplex located on Highway 260. Emergency Medical Technicians (EMT's) were needed for the track, so he went to school to become one. While in EMT school, he decided to pursue a career in the fire service. He served six years with the Cornville-Page Springs Fire District, starting as a Reserve firefighter/EMT and rose through the ranks to become a Captain/Paramedic. He assisted in the merging of the Cornville-Page Springs Fire District with Verde Rural and continued as a Captain/Paramedic under the newly formed Verde Valley Fire District for three more years. He took a nine-month break from the fire service and he and his wife went to work for the owner of the St. Louis Rams as personal assistants. Missing public service, he and his wife, also a paramedic, decided to get back into fire and emergency medical services. It was at this time when he applied for, and received, the Captain position with Clarkdale Fire.

Chief Moore has always been community minded. He has been a volunteer with the Verde Valley Fair for 14 years and currently serves on the Verde Valley Fair Board. He and his wife have been parent/chaperones for Hands Across the Border for four years, and have participated in events such as Bowling for Kids Sake and most recently, Relay For Life. Chief Moore has also coached soccer for AYSO and basketball for one of the area schools.

Chief Moore and his wife Kim have been married for 21 years. They have four grown children, one daughter and four sons, and five grandchildren. The daughter and oldest son both live in the Verde Valley. One son is doing missionary work in Mexico and the other is a sophomore in college.

Chief Moore enjoys spending time with his family doing outdoor activities, such as camping and fishing.

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