



Lakewood Fire District No. 1

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FIRE COMMISSIONERS ISSUE PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING SERVICE OF RICHARD C. WHEATON

During their meeting on Monday, July 9, 2018, the Board of Fire Commissioners of Lakewood Fire District No.1 presented a Proclamation to Ex-Chief Richard Shearman and his wife Kathy in recognition of the service of Kathy's father, Chief Richard C. Wheaton who passed away this past March.



Known to all as "Dick", Chief Wheaton became a member of the Lakewood Fire Department on April 2, 1956, when he joined Rescue Company No. 2. During his tenure as a dedicated volunteer member of Rescue Company No. 2, Chief Wheaton proudly served as a firefighter and officer within the Company. He held the office of Fire Chief during 1981-1982 and, until his passing on March 28, 2018, served as a Trustee for the Lakewood Firemen's Relief Association.

Chief Wheaton's dedication, experience and expertise has been invaluable to the Lakewood Fire Department. His contribution to the fire service has made him an inspiration and mentor to many firefighters, earning him the respect, admiration and high regard of all with whom he came into contact and the fire service has sustained a great loss by his death.

The Board of Fire Commissioners of Lakewood Fire District No. 1 recognizes and commends the dedication of Chief Wheaton and his inspiration as well as his commitment to the many offices held during his service with Rescue Company No. 2. The Fire Commissioners extends its sorrow and prayers to his family.