



CITY OF HEMET WELCOMES NEW FIRE CHIEF

After a nationwide recruitment, the City of Hemet is excited to announce the hiring of Eddie Sell, the City's new Fire Chief. Chief Sell will lead the Hemet Fire Department and will serve as a key part of the Executive Team for the City of Hemet.

Fire Chief Eddie Sell brings more than 30 years of experience in the Fire Service to Hemet. He is a proud veteran of the United States Navy, and has worked for the Bureau of Land Management, several units of Cal Fire, and, most recently, the Long Beach Fire Department. Eddie Sell's diverse background, including his fluency in Spanish, will serve the community well.

Mayor Karlee Meyer stated, "We are pleased to welcome Eddie Sell to our community. I am excited to see him lead the Fire Department's Strategic Plan initiatives established by the City Council, and look forward to him leading the men and women of the Department."

Chief Sell has volunteered in different capacities to promote the Fire Service and was a member of the California Fire Service Leadership Council and the National Volunteer Fire Council. He began his career as a volunteer firefighter and now holds a bachelor's degree in Business Administration and Management. He is a Certified Company Officer of the California State Chief Fire Officers Series,

an EMT-P, and has a culinary school certificate from the U.S. Navy. Eddie is currently the president of the California State Firefighters' Association (CSFA) which is the only statewide fire service organization that serves the needs of all of the state's firefighters - paid career, paid call, volunteer, municipal, private and military and from all ranks - from fire science students to fire chiefs.

"Chief Sell's background, experience, and high ethical standards will make him an incredible Fire Chief for our great community", said Christopher Lopez, City Manager for the City of Hemet. "The entire management team is excited to have such a high caliber addition to Hemet's leadership."

Chief Sell's first day with the City of Hemet is October 7, 2021 and a public badge pinning ceremony will be announced in the near future.



Fire Chief Eddie Sell