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**Marin County Fire Chief, Ken Massucco, to Retire at the end of March**  
*Former "Fire Chief of the Year" leaves a life-long career*

Woodacre, CA - Ken Massucco, Fire Chief for the Marin County Fire Department, announced today that he will retire at the end of March 2012 after a career in the fire service that lasted over 37 years.

Chief Massucco began his career as a volunteer with the Kentfield Fire Protection District in 1973. In November of 1974 he was hired by Marin County Fire Department as a firefighter and held the ranks of Fire Lieutenant, Senior Captain and Battalion Chief. In December of 2001 he was appointed to the position of Fire Chief by the Marin County Board of Supervisors.

"Ken has always taken the safety of our communities and the firefighters who protect them very personally," said Board of Supervisors President Steve Kinsey. "He has shown enormous dedication to the county, been a great leader to the organization, and friend to many in the community. We wish him well on his retirement."

Chief Massucco is a past president of the Marin County Fire Chiefs Association, former member of the County's Hazardous Materials Response Team and was instrumental in the development of the Marin County Urban Search and Rescue Team. Chief Massucco also rose through the ranks in the Incident Command System, ultimately serving as an Operations Section Chief at numerous fire incidents across the State. In 2009 he was presented with the honor of Fire Chief of the Year by the California Fire Chiefs Association.

During his tenure as Fire Chief, he oversaw the department with 85 full time employees and an annual hiring of over 60 seasonal firefighters. Chief Massucco is regarded by his peers as a leader in the fire service and one who always exemplified the personality and traits of a "firefighter's firefighter". Chief Massucco often says he has enjoyed every day he has reported for duty. His immediate plans are to enjoy more time with his family and friends and continue to be involved in the community.

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