



SPARKS FIRE DEPARTMENT

FIRE CHIEF

Jim Reid

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City Manager Neil Krutz,

After a month or so of thinking, praying, and many thoughtful discussions with my wife about my time with the City of Sparks, I have decided to retire from the city when my contract ends on June 30, 2022.

I have spent almost half my life working for the City of Sparks and have met and worked with tremendous people. With my seasonal work as a firefighter, this will be my 33rd year in the fire service. Working as the fire chief during a worldwide pandemic brought many unexpected challenges, and the working groups we assembled were top notch. The support we give each other as City Senior Staff members is unparalleled. I am proud to have been able to work alongside such professionals and consider each of the staff my friend.

I have been fortunate that I was able to work up through the ranks of the fire department and understand the workings of a city from every level. I have fond memories from meeting with the fire chiefs and you with every promotion. Each promotion was exciting and weighted with a welcomed sense of new responsibility. I took every job very seriously and tried to learn the good and bad from all the leaders in front of me. There have been incredible changes in the department since I first arrived in September 1996. The challenges and changes will continue as the occupation evolves, and the personnel of this department will undoubtedly be up to the task.

I want to thank you and the city council for the overwhelming support over the last several months.

Respectfully,

Jim Reid