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## MEMORANDUM

**DATE:** November 23, 2015

**TO:** Board of County Commissioners

**FROM:** David Sperling, Fire Chief 

**THRU:** Pablo Sedillo, Public Safety Director   
Katherine Miller, County Manager

**SUBJECT:** A Presentation Recognizing Fire Training Captain Jim Lovell for his Twenty Years of Service to Santa Fe County and his Retirement from the Santa Fe County Fire Department

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### BACKGROUND:

Jim Lovell was hired by Santa Fe County Fire Department in November 1995 as one of the County's first career firefighters, supplementing what was then a volunteer fire service. While serving in the field as a Firefighter/EMT he embraced fire training as one of his primary interests. He became a certified EMT Intermediate and a sought after instructor in fire suppression, extrication, and rescue. Over the years he has progressed through the Department ranks, promoting to Lieutenant and finally to Fire Training Captain. In his role as Captain he has been responsible for managing the training activities and programs of the regional career staff. He has also been involved in the 14 volunteer District training programs, spending countless nights and weekends training with our volunteers. He has been instrumental in leading the Department's formal recruit and volunteer fire academies for the last seven years, serving as lead instructor and overall go-guy on the training ground and at many emergency scenes throughout Santa Fe County.

Captain Lovell will be retiring from Santa Fe County Fire Department on December 17, 2015.

### RECOMMENDATION:

The Fire Department requests the support of the Board of County Commissioners in recognizing and honoring the accomplishments and service of Fire Training Captain Jim Lovell upon his retirement from the Santa Fe County Fire Department.

