

November 16, 2021

TO: Peggy Flynn, City Manager
City of Petaluma

FROM: Leonard Thompson, Fire Chief
Petaluma Fire Department

SUBJECT: Retirement – effective December 31, 2021

It has been my honor to serve as Fire Chief of the Petaluma Fire Department over the past six-plus years. Under my leadership the department made significant progress in ensuring the citizens of the City are served by a strong fire department.

I am proud of the men and women of the Department and the enormous sacrifices they've made during these most challenging years, including the city's economic constraints, regional annual wildfires and Covid 19. While carrying this tremendous burden, my staff has remained steadfast and unwavering in their commitment to keep the city safe. We have also made great progress in moving the Department forward to meet the challenges of a growing City.

As I consider my tenure, I am satisfied with my accomplishments. First and foremost, my dedication to serving the citizens of Petaluma and my advocacy on behalf of the welfare of our first responders. Securing new apparatus and making strides in establishing essential and beneficial regional interface are most significant for our city's continued ability to deliver superior service to our citizens.

Confident in my legacy within the Department and service to the city, I am retiring December 31, 2021 and with this notice, submit my resignation.

My sincerest desire is for the City to continue to prioritize and support one of the great public safety entities in the County in the days ahead.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'LC Thompson', with a long, sweeping horizontal line extending to the right.

Leonard C. Thompson, Fire Chief

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