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*****MEDIA ALERT*****

CHICO FIRE AND RESCUE DEPARTMENT CAPTAIN STEVE ANDREWS

(Chico, CA – May 21, 2021 –) The City of Chico Fire and Rescue Department and Chico Firefighter’s Local 2734 are deeply saddened to report the Line of Duty Death of Fire Captain Steven T. Andrews. Captain Andrews succumbed to his battle with brain cancer after a courageous fight.

Captain Andrews was a career member of the Chico Fire and Rescue Department since June 2000, and previously spent time as a volunteer firefighter with the department’s Company One. He not only left his mark as a volunteer, but also with his many accomplishments as part of the CFD Muster Team, which included holding the California Rural Fire Association record for the SCBA donning. Upon selection as a career firefighter, Captain Andrews rose through the ranks of Firefighter and Fire Apparatus Engineer to achieve the rank of Fire Captain on November 1, 2015.

Captain Andrews was actively involved in all aspects of Chico Fire and Rescue Department duties, from being a Rescue Team leader, Aircraft Rescue qualified, a physical training leader for new-hire recruit academies, and a member of the Chico Police Department’s SWAT. Most recently, Captain Andrews created an off-road driving course to qualify CFD personnel operating UTV 5, a side-by-side sport utility vehicle used for off-road rescues and fire suppression activities.

Captain Andrews was held in high regard by his family, friends, and peers. His impact in the Chico Fire and Rescue Department, surrounding fire agencies, and the Chico community will be lasting. We would like to offer our condolences to Captain Andrews’ wife, his two sons, his extended family, and to his many friends within our “fire service family.”

A private Celebration of Life for family and uniformed personnel will be planned to honor Captain Andrews and his legacy. The Celebration of Life ceremony will be live streamed on the Chico Fire and Rescue Department’s Facebook page to allow community member participation. In addition, community members who wish to honor Captain Andrews may also pay their respects during a procession following the Celebration of Life ceremony. A link for the live stream as well as the processional route map with date and times will be made available to the public through release to local media and via social media outlets.

All COVID-19 restrictions and protocols will be strictly followed before, during, and after the Celebration of Life ceremony and processional for Captain Andrews. The Chico Fire and Rescue

Department, Chico Firefighters Local 2734, the California Fire Foundation, Foundation Partners, Bruise's Funeral Home and Glen Oaks Memorial Park, Neighborhood Park, and the many people involved with honoring Captain Andrews will strictly enforce all Butte County COVID-19 protocols. The Chico Fire and Rescue Department asks that all participants remain masked at all times and adhere to physical distancing protocols. Face coverings, hand sanitation, and facility capacity restrictions will be followed. We appreciate the public's support and understanding of these measures to help ensure the safety and health of Captain Andrews' family and all participants.

Expressions of sympathy and condolences for the Andrews' family may be made via Chico Firefighters Local 2734, P.O. Box 545 Chico CA 95927.

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