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Interim Fire Chief Selected

The city of Gilroy today announced the hiring of Roger Bloom as the Interim Fire Chief for the city of Gilroy. Chief Dale Foster will retire on August 17, 2012 and Mr. Bloom will begin his employment on July 30, 2012 to allow for a smooth transition of leadership. City Administrator Tom Haglund stated, "We are extremely excited to have secured someone with Roger's level of professionalism, knowledge and experience in the fire service. His varied experience in Operations, Emergency Medical Services, Emergency Planning, Training, and Support Services will serve the community well here in Gilroy. His ideas, ethics, and commitment to public service will be an asset to the Fire Department."

Bloom was identified for the assignment after an interview and background process. While other candidates were considered, Roger's experience, leadership style, and management acumen put him at the top of the list. Roger holds a Bachelor's degree in Public Administration from San Diego State University. He holds Fire Officer Certification, Strike Team Leader Certification, and many Incident Command System (ICS) Certifications. Roger comes to Gilroy after serving the city of Palo Alto for over twenty-two years. He served as the Chief of Operations and Deputy Chief of Operations, EMS, Training, and Support Services during his tenure in Palo Alto.

Bloom will report to City Administrator Tom Haglund and will work a full-time schedule as a member of the executive management team. He will earn monthly salary of \$14,525.00. A recruitment for a permanent Fire Chief will commence in the near future and Bloom will be assisting the Human Resources Department with the recruitment effort.

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