



# City of Columbus

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## Legislation Text

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To recognize and commend Assistant Chief Richard A. Braun for his 36 years of distinguished service to the City of Columbus and the Columbus Division of Fire.

**WHEREAS**, Assistant Chief Richard A. Braun has served the Columbus Division of Fire and the citizens of the City of Columbus for over 36 years, beginning his career in October, 1973 working at Fire Stations 4, 14 and 15; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1982, Assistant Chief Braun was promoted to Fire Lieutenant where he managed shift operations at Station 23, and in October, 1988, was promoted to Fire Captain; and

**WHEREAS**, moving up the ranks to Battalion Chief in 1991, Assistant Chief Braun managed all operations at the 911 Call Center, dispatching of more than 120,000 calls per year; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1993, Assistant Chief Braun received the Division of Fire Distinguished Service Award for his role in developing of the new Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) and radio communications system for the Division of Fire, and coordinating the development and implementation of the County-wide 800MHz program; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1997, Braun was promoted to Deputy Fire Chief, managing the Emergency Services operations for seven battalions, 31 fire stations and more than 300 Firefighters and Emergency Medical Services (EMS) personnel; and

**WHEREAS**, in March, 1999, Braun was promoted to Assistant Fire Chief where he directed all operations at the Columbus Fire Academy including training programs for new recruits, journeyman and officers as well as EMT Basic and Paramedic programs; and

**WHEREAS**, as an Assistant Fire Chief, Braun was selected to direct the day to day operations of the Division as the Executive Officer in March, 2002, directly supervising the Administrative Bureau, Payroll, Recruitment, Background Investigations and the Professional Standards Unit; and

**WHEREAS**, at the time of his separation from the Columbus Division of Fire, Assistant Chief Braun was in charge of the Emergency Services Bureau, with the responsibility for all emergency services operations; deployment of manpower and emergency scene command responsibility; and

**WHEREAS**, Assistant Chief Braun, who has been continually recognized as a highly organized and resourceful person; an effective team builder and motivator; and a firefighter who has demonstrated excellent communication and leadership skills throughout his career, has now been hired as Fire Chief by the City of Cincinnati; now; therefore

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS:**

That this Council does hereby recognize and commend Assistant Chief Richard A. Braun for his 36 years of distinguished service to the City of Columbus and the Columbus Division of Fire.