



# COUNTRYSIDE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

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## News Release

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### **Battalion Chief Chris Reynolds retiring after 31 years of service**

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE – March 13<sup>th</sup>, 2013 marks the end of a fire service career spanning more than three decades of dedicated service to the residents of Vernon Hills, Mundelein, Ivanhoe, Indian Creek, Kildeer, and Long Grove for Battalion Chief Chris Reynolds. B/C Reynold's final tone will be at 0900hrs at Countryside Fire Protection District's headquarter station in Vernon Hills. Local media are invited to attend for photo or interview opportunities or may contact Div. Chief Chuck Smith for a photo if unavailable to attend.

B/C Reynolds began his career at Countryside as a Paid-On-Call firefighter in April, 1982. Previously he had worked as a farmhand and in construction which made his trade skills a perfect fit for the fire service. In March of 1990, he was hired as a full-time Firemedic for the district. Over the next 23 years, he worked up the chain of command holding posts of Lieutenant, Captain, and Battalion Chief. He worked for many years in the Fire Prevention Bureau and as the Public Education Coordinator. B/C Reynolds was the Lake County Divemaster and also an early member of the Lake County Technical Rescue Team and the Lake and McHenry County Sonar Team. When asked about some of his many memories of the job, he reflected on a number of difficult medical and fire calls, but also of the rewards of the job such as delivering babies or saving a life in the ambulance.

B/C Reynolds plans to remain in the area, enjoy some travel, and get in a lot of fishing before looking for some part time work or a hobby to keep him busy.

