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30 YEAR VETERAN FIRE CHIEF RETIRES FROM GLENDALE FIRE DEPARTMENT

Glendale, Ariz. —On Thursday, July 23, Glendale Deputy Chief Patty Frey will retire after 30 years of dedicated service to the citizens of Glendale. Chief Frey joined the department in July of 1980 and promoted through the ranks of firefighter, captain, battalion chief, division chief and deputy chief.

She is the second female to reach the rank of chief but the highest ranking female chief in the department today.

Chief Frey spent most of her time at fire station 152 on 69th Ave. and Bethany Home Road. She also spent time on the Hazardous Materials team in the late 1980's, and oversaw the Community Relations division where she was the Public Information Officer for about a year.

Through a partnership with Phoenix and Avondale fire departments, she was instrumental with developing Glendale's Youth Firesetter Program to teach fire safety to children in local schools.

As a fire safety clown, her alter ego was named "Patches" where she entertained children and taught fire safety throughout the community.

The retirement event will be held at Glendale Regional Public Safety Center at 11550 W. Glendale Ave. from 2-4 p.m.

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