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## **South Jordan City Fire Department Battalion Chief Retires after 41 Years of Service**

**SOUTH JORDAN, UT** – South Jordan City Fire Battalion Chief, Wayne Edginton will retire from the South Jordan Fire Department after more than 41 years of service.

“Wayne has been an outstanding member of the South Jordan City Fire Department for nearly 10 years. His contributions in the area of Emergency Medical Services have undoubtedly saved lives in South Jordan. It’s not easy to replace someone with Wayne’s knowledge and experience, he will be missed by all of us. He has been a wonderful friend, mentor and colleague. I wish him the best of luck in his well-deserved retirement. He has definitely earned it,” said South Jordan Fire Chief, Andy Butler.

Chief Edginton has provided the State of Utah with more than 41 years of Emergency Medical Service. After completing four years of honorable service with the United States Air Force, Chief Edginton began his long career in Fire/EMS when he accepted a firefighter/Emergency Medical Technician position with the Salt Lake City Fire Department on Dec. 1, 1974. Less than five years later, and within the first few years of implementation of paramedic service in the State of Utah, Wayne completed the training and obtained a certification to provide service as a paramedic. Over the next 32 years he served in a variety of positions including: Paramedic, Lieutenant, Captain and Battalion Chief.

In addition to his service with the Salt Lake City Fire Department, Chief Edginton served as the Chief Flight Medic for AirMed for more than 15 years.

Other accomplishments throughout Wayne’s career include: Fire and EMS Commander during the 2002 Winter Olympics; Task Force Leader, Safety Officer and Medical Specialist during Hurricane Katrina and Hurricane Ernesto; administers the University of Utah Health Center Burn Camp Program for burn survivors.

In 2015 Wayne received the 2015 Distinguished Service Award for his contributions and service to the community.

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*The City of South Jordan, one of the fastest growing cities in the United States, is located 20 miles southwest of Salt Lake City, and home to more than 66,000 residents. In 2010, 2012, and 2014, South Jordan was named one of the Top 20 “Best Place to Live in America” by Money Magazine.*