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Vernon City Council members appoint Bruce English to serve as city's fire chief

Vernon, CA – Members of the Vernon City Council today appointed Bruce English to serve as chief of the city's Fire Department. Mr. English is a 26-year veteran of the Downey Fire Department. He was administered his oath of office by Vernon City Clerk Maria E. Ayala at today's city council meeting at Vernon City Hall.

Chief English most recently served as Assistant Fire Chief and Fire Marshal for the Downey Fire Department. He had served as a Battalion Chief since 2008. Chief English was born and raised in Downey and graduated from Warren High School in 1986.

Prior to his executive positions, Chief English rose through the ranks of Downey's fire department, serving as a fire dispatcher, firefighter-paramedic, fire inspector, engineer, captain, paramedic coordinator, and training officer during his more than two-and-a-half decades of public service.

Chief English earned his Associate of Arts degree from Cerritos College and an Associate of Science degree in Fire Technology from Rio Hondo College. He earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Public Administration from the University of La Verne. Chief English is pursuing a Master of Science degree in Emergency Services Management. He graduated from the Rio Hondo Fire Academy and Los Angeles County Paramedic Training Institute. Chief English has earned certifications from the California State Fire Marshal for Company Officer, Chief Officer, Wildland Strike Team Leader, Urban Search & Rescue (USAR) Task Force Leader, Safety Officer (Type III), and Fire Prevention Officer II.

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Vernon was founded in 1905 to create jobs in California. Vernon's 1,800 businesses create more than 105,000 jobs in the Los Angeles area – including 55,000 jobs within the city's 5.2-mile boundary. The Los Angeles County Economic Development Corporation designated Vernon as California's 'Most Business Friendly City.' Vernon generates more than \$330 million in state income and sales taxes, \$1.1 billion in taxable spending. Vernon's businesses provide more than 4.4 billion in salaries and wages annually for workers in Los Angeles County. For more information, go to www.cityofvernon.org.