



# CITY OF ENCINITAS

## News Release

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### FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

### Encinitas appoints veteran firefighter as new Fire Chief

ENCINITAS, Calif.; Sept. 7, 2016 –The City of Encinitas has appointed Acting Fire Chief Mike Stein to the position of Fire Chief effective immediately. Chief Stein will guide the department to continually adhere to the highest standards of professionalism while achieving excellence in caring for the safety of all community members. In his role, Chief Stein will serve as Fire Chief for the cities of Encinitas, Del Mar and Solana Beach as part of a Cooperative Management Services Agreement established between the cities in 2009.

Mike Stein was hired by the City of Encinitas in September of 2013 and has since held the positions of Fire Battalion Chief, Deputy Fire Chief and Acting Fire Chief. He has over twenty-six years of firefighting experience and has served in every rank beginning with Reserve Firefighter.

“With almost three decades of firefighting experience, Chief Stein is an asset to the community,” says Karen Brust, City Manager of the City of Encinitas. “Over his three years at the Chief Officer level for the City of Encinitas Fire Department, including serving the last eight months as Acting Fire Chief, he has performed at an exceptional level. We’re confident Chief Stein will continue to keep our communities safe.”

Prior to his appointment with the City of Encinitas Fire Department, he worked for the San Miguel Fire District for twenty-three years. Chief Stein was the District’s first paramedic coordinator and developed the District’s Peer Mentor Program. In 2009 as a Fire Battalion Chief, he was assigned to the City of San Diego’s Office of Homeland Security where he managed a regional training program for both fire and law enforcement personnel from around the entire county. In 2013, he was given the Major’s Award from the U.S. Army Sergeant of the California Emergency Management Agency for his work in Homeland Security.

Chief Stein holds a Bachelor’s Degree in Business Administration from San Diego State University and a Master’s Degree in Public Administration from Cal State Dominguez Hills. He is a third generation firefighter with his grandfather serving with the Los Angeles Fire Department and his father serving with the Santa Monica Fire Department for thirty-one years.

**About City of Encinitas**

Located along six miles of Pacific coastline in northern San Diego County, Encinitas has an approximate population of 60,000 and is characterized by coastal beaches, cliffs, flat-topped coastal areas, steep mesa bluffs and rolling hills. Our city was incorporated in 1986, drawing together the communities of New Encinitas, Old Encinitas, Cardiff-by-the-Sea, Olivenhain and Leucadia.

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