

# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



**Douglas P. Forsman**  
**Fire Chief**  
**Union Colony Fire Rescue Authority**

## Farewell Message

With this letter I am tendering my resignation as your President, effective at the end of August 1, 2008. I will be assuming the position of Fire Chief in Champaign, Illinois shortly thereafter.

This is a painful move in the sense that I really enjoy working with all of you and the great fire service here in Colorado. It has been a good run for over few years here and I hope that you feel the same way.

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As you may be aware, I served as Fire Chief in Champaign from 1980 through 1992. The management of that City has asked me to return in that role and has offered an attractive compensation package. However, given the grief of moving, that alone would not entice Mary Su and I to make this move. In the process of evaluating our options, we had retirement income calculations accomplished by both the Colorado Fire and Police Pension Association and the State of Illinois. Because I have significant vesting in the latter, there will be a distinct advantage to return to that system. In addition, we will be closer to our extended family as I finish out my fire service career over the next few years.

So, it is time to move on and provide an opportunity for new ideas and new energy at the Colorado State Fire Chiefs' Association. The talent within the organization is very good and the future for continued quality service to the wonderful citizens of this State is bright. I cannot say enough about the great leadership that is provided by the Board and the incredible work ethic of our Executive Director Paul Cooke. The future is indeed bright and I will watch it closely, albeit from a distance.

I want to thank each of you for your support, advice and confidence over the years. It has indeed been a pleasure to work with you.

Sincerely,

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Fire Chief and Chief Executive Officer  
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