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## Fire Chief Mark Bodane to Retire After 44 Years of Service

**Brighton, CO** – After 44 years in the fire service and 12 years at Brighton Fire Rescue District, Chief Mark Bodane is retiring.

Chief Bodane will work his last day on November 13, 2019. Deputy Chief Mike Schuppe will take his place as fire chief.

“Serving this great organization and community has been rewarding and I am truly grateful for the experience,” said Chief Bodane. “I am confident the District will continue to do amazing work for our community under the leadership of Chief Schuppe.”

Chief Bodane started his career in 1975 as a volunteer firefighter in Hazel Crest, Illinois. After graduating high school and EMT school, he went on to become a paramedic. Chief Bodane became a paid firefighter/paramedic in 1979, and in 1986 he was hired on at Carol Stream Fire District in Illinois. Five years later Chief Bodane became the Carol Stream Fire District chief following a national search. He served there as fire chief for 16 years. In 2007 he became chief of Brighton Fire Rescue District following a national search.

Chief Bodane has accomplished many things during his 12 years at Brighton Fire. He created a clear vision to better the District and led the team to achieve those goals. During the past 12 years the District has grown significantly. When Chief Bodane arrived in 2007 Brighton Fire had 35 paid employees and 20 volunteers. Today BFRD is a career department with 77 employees. He led the way on modernizing the fleet and facilities, putting paramedics in every station and increasing training and specialized teams, among many other accomplishments.

“The Brighton Fire team is going to miss Chief Bodane tremendously. He is a well-liked and respected leader throughout our organization and the community. He has done an excellent job over the past 12 years managing and leading BFRD,” said Brighton Fire Board President Dean Morris. “Though he has led so many efforts for our District, he would humbly and proudly tell you it is his team that made it happen. I would like to thank Chief Bodane for his excellent leadership and professionalism he has given BFRD. Wishing him and his family great happiness as they enter their next chapter in life.”

In retirement Chief Bodane plans to continue his community involvement and spend more time with family. He will also do some work with Brighton Fire on the remodel of Station 51.