

Celebrating 100 Years of Service

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MESSAGE FROM FIRE CHIEF ANTHONY C. MARRONE



It is with immense pride and honor that I welcome you to the County of Los Angeles Fire Department's Centennial Celebration. Tonight, we gather to reflect on the past, celebrate the present, and look forward to a future filled with even greater possibilities.

Over the course of this evening, we will look back upon our significant accomplishments and achievements as well as hear from the fire chiefs who led our Department through times of challenge and change. We will also honor retired Fire Captain and Department Historian Dave Boucher, and the Los Angeles County Fire Museum, who have worked tirelessly to preserve and record our Department's history for the benefit of future generations.

Indeed, as Fire Chief, I am reminded every day that the success of the

Department is due not just to the efforts of one individual, but of many. Every team member, public safety partner, and stakeholder has been a part of our journey, and contributed to making our Department what it is today. It is this foundation, built of community, that will bolster us to achieve even greater milestones in the years to come.

But more importantly, I extend my gratitude to each and every individual who currently plays a role at the Department. Your commitment to excellence has set a standard for generations to come, and I am excited to be a part of the bright future that lies ahead.

May our centennial anniversary be a time of joy, celebration, and renewed determination to carry out our noble mission of protecting lives, the environment, and property for another 100 years and beyond.

Very truly yours,

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Order of Events

WELCOME

Steve Martin, Emcee

Retired Assistant Fire Chief, County of Los Angeles Fire Department

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County of Los Angeles Fire Department

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Fire Captain, County of Los Angeles Fire Department

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Retired Fire Chief, County of Los Angeles Fire Department

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AWARD PRESENTATIONS

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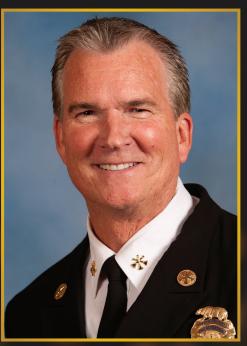
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Steve Martin, Emcee

Retired Assistant Fire Chief, County of Los Angeles Fire Department

Emcee

Steve Martin



A Veteran of the United States Air Force, Steve has enjoyed a 36-year career in the fire service, with over 30 of those years with the County of Los Angeles Fire Department.

Steve graduated from the J. Michael Criley Paramedic Training Institute, Harbor/UCLA in 1988, and was a certified paramedic the next ten years of his career. In 2001, Steve was recognized by the County of Los Angeles as the recipient of the Award of Merit as well as the County Volunteer of the Year for his introduction of the Fire Department's Public Education Program. That program is still in service today as it assists the members of the Fire Department deliver important and informative life safety programs to the nearly four million residents of Los Angeles County.

Steve retired from active duty in 2016 as an assistant fire chief, and was awarded the prestigious Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors "five-signature commendation" for his 30 years of dedicated service to the community.

Gallery of Fire Chiefs



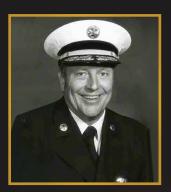
ANTHONY C. MARRONE 2023 - Present



DARYL L. OSBY 2011 - 2022



P. MICHAEL FREEMAN 1989 - 2011



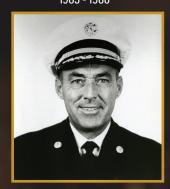
JOHN ENGLUND 1983 - 1988



CLYDE A. BRAGDON 1977 - 1983



RICHARD H. HOUTS 1969 - 1977



KEITH E. KLINGER 1953 -1969



CECIL R. GEHR 1952 - 1953

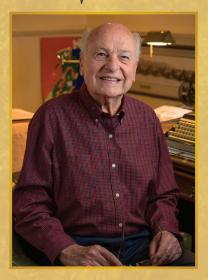


SPENCER D. TURNER 1925 - 1952



STUART J. FLINTHAM 1923 - 1925

Honoring Retired Fire Captain and Department Historian Dave Boucher



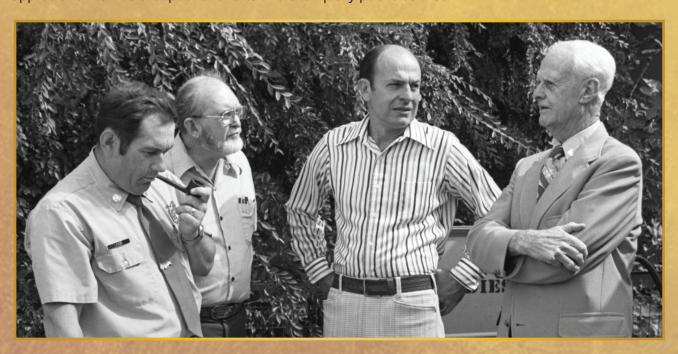
In 1953, Dave Boucher began his career in the fire service as a Korean War Civil Defense Volunteer Firefighter and Auxiliary Firefighter. After returning from active duty in the Korean War, Dave worked as a trail maintenance and helispot construction hand crew member with the United States Forest Service.

Dave joined the Pasadena Fire Department as a probationary firefighter in 1958 and rose to the rank of Fire Inspector.

On March 1, 1964, Dave embarked upon his lifelong career with the County of Los Angeles Fire Department (Fire Department), graduating as valedictorian of his firefighter recruit class and rising through the ranks to Fire Captain. After 30 years and six months of dedicated service, Dave retired from the Fire Department, and took on the new responsibility as the first Fire Department Historian in 1992.

As the Fire Department's Historian, Dave passionately catalogued thousands of artifacts, photos, and paperwork; wrote a regular column for the Fire Department's internal newsletter; and spoke with countless recruit academies. Dave's outstanding contributions and years of commitment to the Fire Department have truly gone above and beyond in keeping the Department's illustrious history, traditions, and core values alive.

On behalf of the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors and County of Los Angeles Fire Department, we are honored to commend and recognize Retired Fire Captain and Department Historian Dave Boucher for his outstanding contributions and commitment. We extend our heartfelt appreciation for his exceptional efforts and exemplary public service.



Honoring the Los Angeles County Fire Museum

The Los Angeles County Fire Museum was formally established in the 1980s to celebrate the history of the American fire service and the contributions made to that history by the County of Los Angeles Fire Department (Fire Department). Their tireless dedication to documenting and preserving the rich history of the Fire Department provides the public with a window into the past and a testament of the resilience, courage, innovation, and impact of fire-based emergency medical services in Los Angeles County.

The Los Angeles County Fire Museum serves as a tribute to the many generations of Fire Department members who have answered the call to serve, as well as maintains a living record of the Fire Department's ongoing commitment to safety and service above self. They have ensured that future generations will remember and learn from the service, and sacrifices, of the brave men and women of the Fire Department.

On behalf of the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors and County of Los Angeles Fire Department, we are honored to commend and recognize the Los Angeles County Fire Museum for its efforts in preserving the legacy and storied history of the Fire Department and its members for the residents and communities it serves.



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"Service to others is not just a responsibility, it is a privilege. By serving our community, we create a ripple effect of positive change that can transform lives and bring us closer together.

-Author Unknown

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