



PRESS RELEASE

City of Pompano Beach

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Funeral Services for Former Fire Chief Harry Small
First Baptist Church Pompano Beach, 138 NE 1st Street
Wednesday, March 7th
10:00 a.m.

Funeral services for Former Fire Chief Harry Small will be held on Wednesday, March 7th at 10:00 a.m. at the First Baptist Church in Pompano Beach located at 138 NE 1st Street. The funeral is open to the public. The funeral will include the Black Pearl Pipe and Drum Corp, firetrucks and apparatus from Pompano Beach and surrounding cities, a farewell ceremony to include a final salute by firefighters in attendance outside the church after the ceremony and a procession of Pompano Beach Fire Rescue vehicles from the church to the cemetery where a private ceremony will take place.

Fire Chief Harry L. Small had a distinguished 35 year career with Pompano Beach Fire Rescue. Chief Small began his career with Pompano Beach Fire Rescue in 1978. He rose through the ranks from firefighter to paramedic lieutenant, EMS commander, training commander, EMS division chief, assistant chief and finally to the position of Fire Chief in 2001 where he remained until his retirement in 2013. Chief Small spent his entire career developing or enhancing fire department programs and services. Among these are Emergency Medical Services, the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) program for which he wrote the FEMA CERT Manual, the Fire Explorer program, and city-wide hurricane preparedness. Harry was the first paramedic officer in Pompano Beach and conducted all EMT and paramedic CEU training for over 12 years, including ACLS, BTLIS and PALS. He developed and wrote all of the EMS standard operating procedures for 14 years and oversaw the implementation of the first ALS fire engines in South Florida in 1980. During the 1980's he taught ACLS to physicians, nurses and paramedics throughout South Florida. In addition, as a PADI scuba diving instructor, he trained over 52 personnel as open water divers and started the dive team in Pompano Beach.

Additionally, Chief Harry Small was the Emergency Management Director for the City of Pompano Beach from 1995 to 2009. As a career firefighter and paramedic, Chief Small also has developed broad experience in teaching and education. As a member of the FEMA CERT Train-the-Trainer instructor team, Small helped teach the program throughout the United States, Puerto Rico, and the U.S Virgin Islands.

Fire Chief Harry L. Small was 59 years old.

A picture of Chief Small is available upon request.