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## **FIRE DEPARTMENT MOURNS SUDDEN PASSING OF FIRE CHIEF TOM SCHULTZ**

Our firefighter brother, Fire Chief Tom Schultz, succumbed to his illness and passed away today. Words alone cannot describe the immeasurable heartache felt by his family and friends, including his Garden Grove, Fullerton, and Brea fire families.

The Schultz family as well as the entire Garden Grove, Fullerton, and Brea Fire Department families are overwhelmed with the love and support from our collective communities, colleagues, and friends.

The Schultz family is surrounded by family and loved ones. Please, respect the family's privacy while they navigate through this difficult time. Once again, thank you for the outpouring of support.

Anyone who is in the Orange County Fire Service has more than likely been influenced by Chief Schultz at some point. Chief Schultz served the residents of Fullerton and Brea for 30 years and as our fire chief since 2015. In addition, he has passed along his fire ground knowledge to countless firefighter candidates as a member of the Santa Ana College Basic Fire Academy.

A GoFundMe account has been set up to assist his family during this difficult time.

Memorial service information will be provided as it becomes available.

**RIP Fire Chief Tom Schultz (1964-2019)**

**We will never forget you!**

T.J. McGovern  
Acting Fire Chief  
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