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Don Eberle Selected as Chief for Clarkdale Fire Department

CLARKDALE, AZ (February 5, 2007) – Clarkdale Town Manager Gayle Mabery and the Clarkdale Fire District Board of Directors are pleased to announce the selection of Don Eberle as the Fire Chief for the Clarkdale Fire Department. Chief Eberle will assume the position with the Town of Clarkdale until the department transitions from the Town to the District, and will then become the first Fire Chief for the newly formed Clarkdale Fire District.

Chief Eberle accepted a position with the Town of Clarkdale in November, 2006, to serve as Interim Fire Chief/Administrative Coordinator, and assist the Town and the District with the transition process. He was one of 10 candidates who competed for the permanent position. 6 candidates were interviewed, and Eberle emerged from that process as the top candidate for the position.

Mr. Eberle has 40 years of experience in the fire service, including 25 years as a Fire Chief for agencies including the City of Flagstaff, the Sun Lakes Fire District, the Salinas Rural Fire District, the City of Cottonwood, the Verde Valley Fire District and the Town of Clarkdale.

The Clarkdale Fire District Board and the Town of Clarkdale have worked closely to ensure a smooth transition from the municipal Fire Department to the Clarkdale Fire District. “The interview and selection process for the Chief’s position was a cooperative effort between the Board and I, and we unanimously agreed on the selection of Eberle as the new Chief. I’m looking forward to continuing that cooperative effort, working closely with Chief Eberle and the members of the Board,” stated Town Manager Gayle Mabery.

According to Board Chairman Jim Elmer, “The Board, the Town Manager and I are all very pleased that Chief Eberle has accepted the position. His impressive credentials, demonstrated leadership and administrative skills and his vision for the Clarkdale Fire District are a perfect fit for this organization.”