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**FIRE CHIEF BRAD BRADLEY**

**MEMORANDUM NUMBER 24-105**

DATE: Aug 5, 2024  
TO: All NWFD Team Members  
FROM: Fire Chief Brad Bradley  
SUBJECT: Retirement of Marcela Hammond (Badge # 362)

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Fire Inspector II Marcela Hammond is retiring from the Northwest Fire District on Wednesday, September 4, 2024. This date marks the conclusion of 5 years of dedicated service with NWFD and 25 years in the fire service.

Marcela began her career in 1999 as a Firefighter/EMT in the Phoenix valley. She worked for the City of Nogales for seventeen (17) years, with fourteen (14) of those years in active firefighting and emergency response roles. During her time at the City of Nogales, Marcela also held various positions including Public Information Officer, Public Educator, Fire Inspector, Fire Investigator, and Fire Marshal. Marcela joined the District on August 5, 2019, as a Fire Inspector I/Fire Investigator. On July 4, 2022, Marcela was promoted to her current role as a Fire Inspector II.

Marcela embodies NWFD's mission and values, generously sharing her extensive knowledge and experience both within the organization and the broader fire community. She has been an active member of the NWFD Peer Support Team since 2021 and currently serves as the District's Peer Support Coordinator. In 2023, Marcela received a Unit Citation Ribbon for her efforts on the Peer Support Team.

Internally, Marcela provides invaluable training to new fire inspectors and dedicates her time and expertise to supporting, training, and mentoring fellow members. Externally, Marcela serves as President of the Arizona Chapter of the International Association of Arson Investigators (IAAI), expanding the District's network and influence throughout the state. She has also volunteered with Firefighters Beyond Borders and the Emergency Volunteer Project in Israel. Marcela's contributions, both internally and externally, have been invaluable to the success of NWFD and the fulfillment of its mission.

Please join me in thanking Marcela for her professional, committed, and selfless service to the District, its members, and the community we serve. We wish her the very best!