

PRESS RELEASE

July 31, 2024

By request of the Mayor and order of the City Manager, all flags at City facilities will be flown at half-staff beginning today through Friday, August 9, 2024 in honor of Murl Harpham, Chief of Police. Chief Harpham passed away earlier today, July 31, 2024 at 91 years of age. Murl Harpham served the City of Eureka as a Police Officer, Sergeant, Captain and finally as Chief of Police for over 56 Years. At the time of his retirement in 2014, Chief Harpham had served EPD, his original hiring agency, longer than any other officer in the State of California.

EPD Chief Brian Stephens has authorized mourning bands to be worn by department members until sunset on the day of Chief Harpham's service.

Chief Murl Harpham's legacy of hard work, dedication to the community, and loyalty within the Eureka Police Department will be missed along with his service above self-attitude.

The Mayor, Council, Eureka Police Department, and City of Eureka staff extends our deepest condolences to Harpham family.

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