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MEDIA RELEASE

Cottonwood, Arizona (3-23-12) – City Manager Doug Bartosh announced today the interim appointment of Mike Kuykendall to serve as the City of Cottonwood Fire Chief upon the retirement of Chief Mike Casson on May 23rd of this year.

Mike Kuykendall has served in the Cottonwood Fire Department for almost 24 years and as a fire captain for the past 17 years. Prior to his career in the fire service he served as a police officer and deputy sheriff in Springerville and Yavapai County, respectively. He has significant training and experience in the fire services and also services as a minister during the weekends.

Mr. Bartosh stated, “Mike is the right choice for the fire department and he will ensure that the proud tradition and excellent reputation of the Cottonwood Fire Department continues to advance. He is well respected by his peers and his subordinates and I feel very confident with his abilities.”

The decision regarding the appointment of a permanent fire chief will be made within the next 3 to 6 months.

A copy of Interim Fire Chief Mike Kuykendall’s resume is attached.

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