

# **CITY OF BATAVIA**

**JEFFERY D. SCHIELKE, MAYOR**

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**TO:** City Council

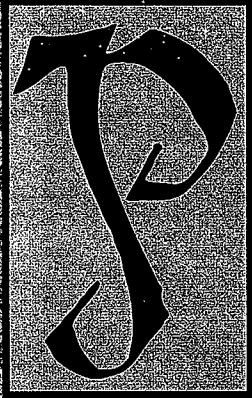
**FROM:** Mayor Jeff Schielke

**SUBJECT:** Proclamation in Recognition of Assistant Chief Rodney Oxe

Attached is a proclamation which I will be asking the City Council to consider at our next council meeting. As you can see, the proclamation is in recognition of Assistant Chief Rodney Oxe on his retirement from 40 years of service. Please feel free to contact me directly, if you have any questions.

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# CITY OF BATAVIA



# Proclamation

**WHEREAS,** some 40 years ago Rodney Oxe joined the Batavia Fire Department and over the past four decades he has personally responded to thousands of fire and emergency calls within the greater Batavia community as well as throughout northern Illinois including many of the most memorable emergency events which have stricken our city and region, and

**WHEREAS,** Rodney Oxe, after serving his country in the United States Army with a tour in Vietnam, joined the fire department as a paid-on-call firefighter on April 7, 1971. He was promoted to Lieutenant on November 17, 1975, to Captain on January 18, 1984, and to his current position as Assistant Chief on August 5, 1992. Rodney has also served as the Department Mechanic since January 1984. As a paid-on-call member at Batavia Fire Department, he also worked full-time at the Fermi Lab Fire Department from December 1, 1977 and retired as a Lieutenant from Fermi Lab on December 27, 2008.

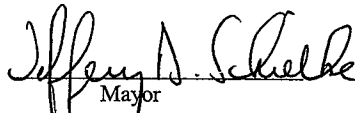
**WHEREAS,** as Department Mechanic, Rod was instrumental in the purchase of all of the fire apparatus, in writing specifications for vehicles purchased, and has been responsible for the everyday maintenance of the entire fleet of vehicles, keeping them running and in top shape. He received the highest certification possible for a fire department mechanic, Emergency Vehicle Technician. As a member of the Illinois Fire Apparatus Mechanics Association, he served as President in 1988, 1990 and 1991.

**WHEREAS,** Assistant Chief Oxe earned a bachelor's degree in Fire Service Administration and has numerous certifications including Firefighter III, Emergency Medical Technician B, Fire Officer II, Fire Prevention Officer I, Instructor II, Tunnel Rescue, Fire Apparatus Engineer, and Confined Space and Trench Rescue.

**WHEREAS,** Assistant Chief Oxe is a member of the Kane County Fire Chiefs Association and the Illinois Fire Chiefs Association. Rod was named Firefighter of the Year in 1990. He has acted as Incident Commander at fire scenes and Acting Fire Chief when the Fire Chief was out of town.

**WHEREAS,** Rodney and his wife Sharron are lifelong residents of Batavia and raised their children Daryn and Dawn in Batavia and is looking forward to retiring and spending more time with his grandchildren Sawyer, Spencer, Sydni and Taylor.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jeffery D. Schielke, Mayor of the City of Batavia, Illinois, following a vote of the members of the City Council, do hereby present this Proclamation and congratulations to Assistant Chief Rodney Oxe.**

  
Mayor