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## **Edinburg Fire Chief passes away, leaving a legacy of courage and service**

*Edinburg, Texas* - It is with great sadness that the City of Edinburg announces the passing of Fire Chief Shawn Snider. Chief Snider, who served the City of Edinburg for more than three decades, passed away on May 1, 2023, after a courageous battle with cancer.

"Chief Snider was an exemplary public servant who dedicated his life to protecting the people of Edinburg. He was a true leader who inspired his team to be the best they could be, and his legacy will always live on in the Edinburg Fire Department," Mayor Ramiro Garza Jr. said. "Our thoughts and prayers are with Chief Snider's family and his other family at the Edinburg Fire Department during this difficult time."

Chief Snider joined the Edinburg Fire Department in January 1991 and quickly rose through the ranks to become Fire Chief in 1999. During his time as Chief, he worked tirelessly to improve the department's response times, increase training opportunities for firefighters, and enhance public safety in the community.

"Our hearts are heavy with the loss of Chief Snider. He dedicated his life to serving our community, and his selflessness and bravery will never be forgotten. We extend our deepest condolences to his family, friends, and colleagues during this difficult time," City Manager Myra Ayala said.

Chief Snider was a respected leader, a mentor to many, and a friend to all who knew him. His loss is deeply felt by his colleagues, friends, and family.

"Chief was a presence in every firefighter's life from the moment they met him. I would not be where I am without his influence," Deputy Chief Ubaldo Perez said. "He was a true servant leader that always put service before self. His impact was not only on our professional lives but on our personal lives as well. We will have him in our hearts forever. You are forever blessed if you had Chief in your life."

Mayor Pro Tem David White also expressed his condolences.

"Chief Snider was a consummate professional and a true leader in the fire service. His passion for the job and his commitment to the people of Edinburg were evident in everything he did," he said. "We will miss him dearly, and our hearts go out to his family and loved ones."

The City of Edinburg is grateful for Chief Snider's service and his immeasurable contributions to the community. He will be deeply missed, and his memory will be honored in the Edinburg Fire Department and throughout the community he served. Funeral arrangements are pending. Chief Snider was 58 years old.