



PRESIDENTS MESSAGE 2023

Holiday Greeting

To All Active and Retired Chief Officers:

As we come to the end of 2023, your Chief Officers Association (COA) Executive Board wishes all our active and retired members an extremely healthy and happy holiday season.

During this year, the Chief Officers Association is proud to share that there was a large number of members promoted in various chief ranks, 2 Deputy Chiefs, 6 Assistant Chiefs, and 18 new Battalion Chiefs: congratulations to all of you. As we close out 2023 the LAFD will encounter another historic time in January of 2024 as over 22 Chief Officers will be retiring. We welcome all those replacing those retiring, we wish you the absolute best in your new leadership position.

During this year, we have seen tenured Chief Officers retire. They have contributed so much to all of us, and we wish the very best in retirement. As they leave and pass the torch of leadership to our current Chief Officers, we will continue with their innovative and collaborative stance to develop ourselves, thus ensuring the strength of our future.

As Chief Officers of this organization, we are evaluated each day. The leadership and examples we set continue to resonate strength, guidance, and professionalism. Each of you should be proud of the title and position you hold. You represent commitment, dedication, and perseverance that continues to make the LAFD better and stronger.

During this Holiday Season, the COA Executive Board hopes that each of you can spend time with your family and friends and enjoy what matters most.

Respectfully yours in service,

Your COA Executive Board

Dean, Mike, Robert, Guy, Carlos, Paul and Mel