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Two Flagler Fire Rescue battalion chiefs retire following illustrious careers

December 3, 2020 – Two Flagler County Fire Rescue battalion chiefs – Richard Bennett and Jamey Burnsed – retire within a week from one another following illustrious careers that both began and end at the Bunnell fire house, now known as Station 62.

Burnsed started his career in 1987 at what was then the Bunnell Volunteer Fire Department. Bennett followed suit six years later in 1993.

“The institutional knowledge of these two gentlemen is incredible, and they will be missed,” said Interim Fire Chief Joe King. “They both are to be commended for their professionalism that allowed them to rise up through the ranks.”

Bennett’s last day was December 2. He began as a full-time, paid firefighter with Flagler County in 2001 and spent his career entirely within Flagler County.

“I have sincerely enjoyed my time working as a county servant and appreciate the countless opportunities and advancements I have made during my career with the county,” Bennett wrote in his retirement letter to King. “After a lot of time and consideration, I have decided it is my time to retire and enjoy quality time with my family and advancement on personal ventures.”

Burnsed’s last day is tomorrow, December 4. After working as a volunteer in Bunnell, he went on to work for Flagler County within the Palm Coast Service District, then to the Ormond Beach Fire Department, followed by Volusia County, and back to Flagler County where he finished out his career.

Fellow firefighters crafted an announcement that will be read Friday morning over the public safety radio system.

It reads in part:

“Your presence will be deeply missed. It has been both an honor and privilege to work for you, and learn from you. Your contributions to Flagler County Fire Rescue will be carried on through future generations of firefighters. May your retirement be filled with family, tight fishing lines, and big bucks.”
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