



## Victoria Fire Department to Dedicate New Memorial Bell and Honour Former Chief Richard Couch

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VICTORIA, BC – The Victoria Fire Department will hold a special ceremony to dedicate a new Memorial Fire Bell and add the name of former Fire Chief Richard A. Couch to the Victoria Firefighters' Association Local 730 Line of Duty Memorial Plaque.

**Media Opportunity:**

**What:** Victoria Firefighters Memorial Fire Bell Ceremony

**When:** Tuesday, December 17, 2019, from 11 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

**Where:** No. 1 Fire Station, 1234 Yates Street

Fire Chief Paul Bruce and Retired Fire Chief Michael Heppell will preside over the event, attended by members of the Victoria Fire Department Honour Guard.

The Victoria Firefighters' Memorial Fire Bell will honour the service and sacrifice of firefighters who have died in the Line of Duty.

Chief Couch lost his battle with cancer in June 2018. He is the fifth member of the Victoria Fire Department to have his name added to the plaque honouring members who have paid the ultimate sacrifice over the Victoria Fire Department's 161-year history.

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