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FORMER AIR FORCE ACADEMY CHIEF NAMED TO NATIONAL FIRE HERITAGE CENTER

Ernst Piercy of Colorado Springs, CO, has been named to the Board of Trustees for the National Fire Heritage Center. The National Fire Heritage Center is the nation's archive for historical documents, and other perishables related to fire protection. These perishables include:

- Art and artifacts
- Audio
- Books
- Charts and graphs
- Documents
- Maps
- Photography
- Reports
- Video

Ernst is a retired fire chief, with more than 35 years in the fire service. Most recently, he served as the Regional Fire Chief for Navy Region Southwest in San Diego, California. Previously, he served as the fire chief at the United States Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs. During his tenure at the Air Force Academy, he held the positions of Station Captain, Assistant Chief for Training, Assistant Chief for Operations, Deputy Fire Chief, and Fire Chief. After serving ten years as fire chief, Mr. Piercy was selected as the Regional Fire Chief at Navy Region Southwest in January 2013. This position spanned 42 locations in 6 states, with 27 fire stations and 500 firefighters operating at nine airfields, two major shipyards, and a nuclear submarine base.

Ernst is a 2011 graduate of the Senior Executives in State and Local Government Program at Harvard University has completed the Executive Fire Officer Program at the National Fire Academy (2007) and has been a Chief Fire Officer Designate (CFOD) since 2005.

Mr. Piercy served on a variety of professional committees, including the Navy Fire & Emergency Services Advisory Board, the Air Force Fire & Emergency Services Panel, and is a former commissioner and past chairman of the Commission on Fire Accreditation International. He is married to the former Linda Centera of Chicago, Illinois; they have two grown sons, Matthew and Jonathan. His spouse retired after 20 years of fire fighting in the Air Force/Air Force Reserves, and both of his sons are currently in the fire service.

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As an IRS 501c3 non-profit organization, the National Fire Heritage Center exists to preserve, protect and increase the utilization of contributors to the body of knowledge of the American Fire Protection Services and allied disciplines through identification, acquisition, preservation, conservation and restoration.