

**Tracy Jarman, Fire Chief**  
**San Diego Fire-Rescue Department**



When Tracy Jarman was appointed Fire Chief for the City of San Diego on June 26, 2006 she finally got the job she had always been waiting for. As a 24 year veteran, her entire career prepared her for this very position. Tracy was recruited in 1984 and has performed virtually every single position within the department. In 2003, she became Assistant Fire Chief, which placed her in charge of Support Service areas for all Fire, Emergency Medical and Lifeguard Services within the City of San Diego. Prior to her appointment as Assistant Fire Chief, she served as Deputy Chief overseeing the Fire and Emergency Medical Services 911 Center. As Fire Chief, Jarman is now one of 34 female fire chiefs in the United States, and the first in San Diego.

Mayor Jerry Sanders offered Chief Jarman the position after a search that caught the attention of 30 other applicants. "She is not only superbly well-qualified but also the perfect person for the job," said Sanders. "Chief Jarman was the unanimous choice of our selection committee."

As Chief, Jarman administers a staff of 1250 firefighters, lifeguards, paramedics, emergency medical technicians and civilian personnel, and oversees a budget of \$181 million. Her salary is approximately \$165,000.

Chief Jarman's other professional accomplishments include being named the 2008 Fire Chief of the Year by the California Fire Chiefs Association, responding as a member of the countywide Hazardous Material Incident Response Team (HIRT) and

San Diego's Urban Search and Rescue Team; she was appointed to FEMA Region IX's Advisory Committee and the Governor's Blue Ribbon Task Force following the 2007 firestorms.

Chief Jarman, 52, was raised in Escondido, CA and is the daughter of a mechanical engineer and a stay-at-home mom.

Chief Jarman, who currently resides in the city of San Diego, adjacent to Del Mar, holds an Associate of Arts Degree from Palomar College, a Fire Science Degree from Miramar College, a Bachelors Degree in Biology and a Masters Degree in Public Administration from San Diego State University.

