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South San Francisco Emergency Services Manager, Ken Anderson, Sr. Receives 2016 George Berry Award

Anderson selected among his emergency management peers to receive annual award

SOUTH SAN FRANCISCO, Calif., Jan. 20, 2017 - South San Francisco Emergency Services Manager, Ken Anderson, Sr., received the 2016 George Berry Memorial Award at last night's San Mateo County Emergency Services Council meeting.



"Ken has been completely committed to our community and works tirelessly toward improving our City's capabilities and serving our impacted community members," said South San Francisco Fire Chief Gerry Kohlmann.

Since 2013, the Sheriff's Office of Emergency Services has been committed to recognizing Emergency Management professionals from the public and private sectors with an award plaque, in memory

of George Berry, a former Sheriff's Search and Rescue Volunteers in the 1970s.

Anderson has been with the City of South San Francisco for 12 years serving in a variety of roles, ranging from being an Emergency Medical Technician (EMT), Basic Life Support Supervisor, CPR Instructor, Disaster Preparedness Manager, Safety Officer for the City and for the last two years, serving as the Emergency Services Manager. Anderson advises departments on their emergency plans and coordinates interdepartmental activities and drills; and prepared and disseminates information and materials to ensure effective city response in a disaster situation.

"Ken's role as Emergency Services Manager is a critical role in our City and we are extremely proud of his recognition among his peers in receiving the 2016 George Berry Memorial Award," added South San Francisco Mayor Pradeep Gupta.

Thanks to the leadership of Ken Anderson, South San Francisco City Manager, Mike Futrell, says the City of South San Francisco is prepared for any disaster. "From running our Emergency Operation Center, to training our Community Emergency Response Team, to running earthquake disaster drills, Ken is dedicated to ensuring the safety of our residents and sharing his knowledge with the rest of the County. He is well deserving of this recognition of his talents."

About the George Berry Award

George Berry served with the San Mateo County Sheriff's OES first as a volunteer in the 70's, then OES District Administrator under OES Director Kent Paxton in the 80's and resigned under Sheriff's OES Deputy Director Tom Maruyama in 2001. George volunteered for many organizations like Red Cross, American Heart Association, Boys and Girls Club of the Peninsula. George also volunteered with the FEMA Urban Search and Rescue California Task Force 3 and went to quite a few "big shows" as he called them as Communications Unit Leader. George resigned from OES when he was denied permission to deploy to the World Trade Center with FEMA TF3 and was employed a short time after by the Northern California Automobile Association as their Emergency Manager. George's final mission was to the 2001 World Trade Center, New York.

About South San Francisco

The City of South San Francisco proudly remains *The Industrial City*, a reflection of its steel mill and ship building past, redefined to reflect the innovative, entrepreneurial and industrious spirit which has made South San Francisco the Biotech Capital of the World, with 214 active biotech companies and growing. A vibrant community of 64,585 residents, South San Francisco enjoys a high quality of life with an extensive public parks system, active library and learning programming and a dynamic, engaged community making South San Francisco a great place to live, learn, work and play.

