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Retired Fire Chief Don Rowley passes away

It is with great sadness that Newport Fire Department announces the passing of Retired Fire Chief Don Rowley. Chief Rowley joined Newport Fire Department in 1955. Through the years he advanced up the ranks to Assistant Chief.

Following the retirement of Chief Dennis McManus in 1984, he was promoted to Fire Chief by City Manager Don Davis. Chief Rowley served as Fire Chief for 13 years before retiring in 1998. Chief Rowley was a member of Newport Fire Department for 43 years.

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