A big congratulations for Phoenix Fire Chief Kara Kalkbrenner who just completed the Executive Leaders Program at Naval Postgraduate School’s Center for Homeland Defense and Security. “Chief K” was picked for the program because of her experience managing Phoenix Fire’s two thousand employees whose emergency services cover 500 square miles.

This program was intense! Participants met for four one-week intensive sessions over a nine-month period in Monterey, California. The Chief was one of 31 people in this class representing homeland security across the country from departments on the local, state and federal levels. Participants learned how to strengthen working relationships with other agencies on those other levels along with the private sector.

The Executive Leaders Program was launched in August 2006. It is part of a series of graduate and executive level education programs sponsored by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS), National Preparedness Directorate, FEMA, and developed and conducted by the NPS Center for Homeland Defense and Security.
Have an idea for the next PHXConnect?
E-mail us: phxconnect@phoenix.gov

The following employee is accepting leave donations.
If you’d like to help; use eChris to make your donation:

- Dick Richards, police officer, Police

**PROP 206 IMPACT**

**UPDATED June 29, 1PM:** The City Council vote to approve amendments to Personnel Rule 15, Leaves of Absence, has been continued until July 6.

This is in relation to Prop 206, which was passed by Arizona voters last November. Also known as the Fair Wages and Healthy Families Act, it established a new state minimum wage which went into effect on January 1, 2017. In addition, it provides employees with a new benefit called Earned Paid Sick Time. An updated AR 2.30 will be coming soon. The new code for this benefit is “BE” and it will be available for use by eligible employees on July 1, 2017. If you have questions regarding this new benefit, please contact your department Human Resources staff.

**UNIQUE OPPORTUNITY**

The National Council of La Raza (NCLR), the largest national Hispanic civil rights and advocacy organization in the US, is hosting their annual conference in Phoenix July 8 - 11. There will be a wide range of workshops focused on health, education, the economy, employment and civic engagement. NCLR is offering a special rate for city of Phoenix employees. Instead of paying the local registration rate of $350, employees can register for $250 using the code: CityOfPHX.

Speakers include Maricopa County Sheriff Paul Penzone, Phoenix Suns Head Coach Earl Watson and 2016 US Olympic Gold Medalist Laurie Hernandez. There will also be a Health Summit and a Latino Family Expo. Please direct travel and reimbursement questions to the HR Connection Center.

**LEAVE DONATIONS**

Check out all of the profiles on our amazing city employees by clicking on this link.
HAPPY RETIREMENT

You are invited to a retirement celebration for Deputy City Manager Paul Blue. Details:

- Wednesday, July 5
- 2 - 4 p.m.
- Assembly rooms in Phoenix City Hall

Prior to joining the City Manager’s Office, Paul was Chief of Staff to Mayor Greg Stanton and Director of the Community and Economic Development Department. He also held middle management and executive positions at Aviation, and he worked in various economic development roles. During his 28 years with the city, Paul was instrumental in many major construction projects, including the Municipal Court Building and the PHX SkyTrain.

Paul looks forward to spending time with his family over the summer, before joining a national consulting firm, where he’ll focus on public-private partnerships.

THE MIND OF THE ARTIST

Artist John Runnels discusses his creative process and how that resulted in *Sky.Looms*, a public art installation at the city of Phoenix Deer Valley Water Treatment Plant.

Watch this video to hear from the artist himself.

JOB OF THE WEEK

Featured Listing: Phoenix Afterschool (part-time)

“Parks & Recreation Aide ($10.25/hr), Recreation Instructor ($11.74) and Recreation Leader ($13.42/hr). The Parks and Recreation Department is currently seeking highly motivated, friendly and outgoing individuals for the 2017-2018 school year (July 2017-May 2018). Staff provides customer service, implements recreational and sports activities and planned educational enrichment programs for kids 6 - 13. Work sites are located in schools and community centers throughout the city. Hours vary but are typically 2 - 6 p.m. Recruitment is ongoing.”

Each Monday, the city posts jobs available for current employees to consider. Here’s the link to the most recent Job Opportunities.

Celebrate Frida Kahlo

2–4 p.m. Sunday, July 2

Burton Barr Central Library
2nd Floor | 1221 N. Central Ave.

Join us to celebrate Frida Kahlo’s birthday with festive activities for the whole family.

Snap a photo with a Frida-inspired backdrop and browse the Phoenix Frida’s Mercado. Little ones can make flower headbands, play a fun bilingual word match game and more!

The first 10 attendees dressed like Frida will receive a free swag bag of craft items donated by members of the Phoenix Fridas!

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For more information, visit phoenixpubliclibrary.org or call 602-262-4636 (for TTY dial 7-1-1).