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**To: SFFD Chief Brian Moya:**  
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**RE: Dedication: Name for Santa Fe Fire Station Number 7**

**Name of Nominee:**

Mr. Frank C. DiLuzio, Retired SFFD Fire Chief, Santa Fe City Manager

**Nominator's Name:**

William F. Purtymun, Former SFFD Firefighter/ Engineer/ Paramedic  
Retired LANL Emergency Manager/ Incident Commander/ Hazard Analyst

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**Reason for Proposing Naming Santa Fe Fire Station Number 7 after Chief Frank C. DiLuzio Jr.**  
For his many contributions to evolution and growth of the Santa Fe Fire Department as well as humanitarian support of Santa Fe, and surrounding communities.

**One Page Biography of Frank C. DiLuzio (edited from the Santa Fe New Mexican Obituary June 11-13, 2021 I think the obituary stated his accomplishments very well).**

"Frank was a paramedic and firefighter in Albuquerque, Rio Arriba County and Santa Fe for more than 25 years and served as the City of Santa Fe Fire Chief from 1994 to 2000. A generation of Santa Fe's firefighters and paramedics knew him fondly as their leader, mentor, father figure and a shining example of what it means to be selfless.

Frank became Santa Fe's first and only paramedic when the fire department took over Emergency Management Services (EMS) from a private ambulance company in 1979, when there was only one ambulance for all of Santa Fe County. He was the first EMS instructor for the Santa Fe Fire Department and trained the many first responders who followed in his footsteps.

As Fire Chief, Frank is remembered as a caring and empathetic leader. Those who worked with him have many stories about how he helped them overcome challenges, not just professionally but personally.

Frank was a classic early-adopter, embracing change and innovation. He ensured that, as the Santa Fe community grew, its fire department always operated at the highest standards of excellence. He was keenly focused on safety and training and assisted in establishing the fire science program at Santa Fe

Community College, which was one of the catalysts for the development of the Santa Fe College Institute of Public Safety.

Santa Fe City Council tapped Frank for his leadership skills, naming him City Manager in 2000, the first person from Santa Fe's public safety sector to serve in that role.

After Frank retired from the City of Santa Fe, Frank continued to devote his efforts to helping the citizens of New Mexico and Santa Fe.

Early in his retirement, Frank helped enact a new law in New Mexico, NM Statute 52-3-32.1, legislation that recognized the occupational diseases suffered by firefighters and ensured their treatment would be covered by worker's compensation.

In the wake of the Cerro Grande fire in 2000, Frank worked for FEMA processing claims for those affected by the disaster.

In 2003, Frank joined the board of St. Vincent Hospital, ultimately serving two terms. That same year, he was asked by the Santa Fe United Way to implement the 211 Info-Helpline. When that project was successfully completed, he was appointed Vice President of Community Impact, a position he held until 2008.

From 2008 to 2013, Frank served as Bureau Chief for Employee Relations for the New Mexico Children, Youth & Families Department.

Even after he contracted cancer, Frank continued to help others by volunteering at the Kitchen Angels program whenever he had the energy. He also volunteered with the Firefighter Cancer Support Network.

Frank was a proud member of the International Association of Fire Chiefs and the National Fire Protection Association and graduated from the Executive Fire Officer program at the National Fire Academy. He held a Bachelor of Arts in Public Administration from the College of Santa Fe. The only thing more important to Frank than the well-being of the community was his beloved family (which always included a variety of dogs from local shelters.) “

**Personal Information about the Nominee and my interactions with him:**

In the late 1970's, I first met Frank DiLuzio Jr. when he was an advisor for the Search and Rescue Explore Post 34 in Santa Fe. While in my mid-teens, little did I know how much Mr. DiLuzio would have a positive effect on my life and many others. In 1979, I was hired by SFFD with Frank when the Santa Fe Fire department took over the ambulance service. At that time, I was an EMT Basic. He was one of the first Paramedics in NM and as such had the NM State Registry Number of 12. Inspired by Frank, I went to paramedic school in Tucson in 1980. When I returned Frank was in the process of growing a Paramedic Program for the SFFD. Through his example I became an instructor in many medical areas through out my career.

At SFFD, Chief Frank DiLuzio was devoted to helping personnel under his watch grow, while developing a professional fire department and emergency fire/ rescue/ medical service for the City of Santa Fe. Frank had taken courses from the College of Santa Fe to obtain a Degree in Public Administration to help achieve these goals. This also served him well in leading the SFFD as Fire Chief, then as Santa Fe City

Manager and after retirement. Upon retirement he continued to support Northern NM through many organizations. Never losing sight of firefighters, he helped enact NM Statute 52-3-32.1 to provide workman's compensation and treatment for occupational diseases suffered by firefighters.

I believe that Frank DiLuzio encouraged many people to achieve their best and inspired them to serve their communities. Many people who he came in contact with him have become great community instructors, firefighters/ rescuers/ EMS providers, public servants, teachers, medical care providers, physicians, engineers, and scientists. They in turn have encouraged so many have provided so many others to become positive contributors to Northern NM and the United States. Much of this was due to their relationships with Mr. DiLuzio and will continue for generations.

The naming of Santa Fe Fire Station Number 7 after Chief Frank C. DiLuzio would be an honor of his legacy while propelling his values he modeled into the future.

Please contact me if you have any questions or need additional information,

All the best, William (Bill) F. Purtymun



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**From:** William Purtymun <billpurtymun@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, August 14, 2023 9:42 AM  
**To:** MOYA, BRIAN J.  
**Subject:** Nomination Documentation for Frank DiLuzio: SFFD Station # 7  
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Dear Chief Moya,

It was nice to talk with you a few weeks ago and have your staff show me around SFFD Station #1. It brought back many fond memories of working at SFFD from over 25 years ago.

Below is an electronic version for Nomination of SFFD Station #7 being named in Frank DiLuzio's honor. Also attached is a PDF letter if that will be helpful.

Please contact me if there is anything else I can do to further this worthy cause.

All the Best, Bill Purtymun  
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E-mail Recommendation document:

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