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Chetopa City Council  
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To The City Council members,

After 43 years of service since July 29, 1970, I am retiring from the Chetopa Volunteer Fire Department effective November 1, 2013. I will also be retiring from the First Responders on November 6, 2013 after 20 plus years of service.

As a past Chief and fireman, I would like thank the present and past council members for their support of the Fire Department and First Responders.

The reality of so much time passing has hit hard. I never dreamed of the day when I would no longer be on the Fire Dept. It is literally in my blood. My dad, Elmer Hubbell, even served as Chief for almost 2 years in the late 1930s. My uncle, Ralph (Rocky) Watts, was Treasurer for many years. They took me to meetings and to fire calls with them when I was preschool age. I grew up watching their dedication to helping people. My life revolved around the Fire Dept. No matter what else needed to be done on the farm, at the slaughter house, or with family activities, everything was scheduled, postponed, or cancelled around the Fire Dept. That mindset never changed for me as an adult. As time progressed, I was fortunate to be able to hold every office in the Dept., being Treasurer for 19 years and then later becoming Chief. I raised my son, Josh, in the Dept. from the time he could walk. He joined the Chetopa VFD as soon as he was old enough serving until he moved away from home in 1999 when he became employed by the Neodesha Fire Dept. as an EMT and firefighter. He is now a Lieutenant on the Fire Dept. He will continue the fire-fighting legacy. My family has served a total of over 130 years on the Chetopa Volunteer Fire Dept. which includes participation in numerous community activities.

The fire department is more than one person. It is a group of dedicated people willing to give up their time and lives to protect their community. Even though I am retiring I will away, be a fireman. I will be there to advise and help if needed.

Sincerely,

*David Hubbell*

David Hubbell  
Fireman CVFD

*my father*

*Rocky Watts was my Mothers  
brother. not a Hubbell*

