



Nick Baumgartner

## Aptos fire chief leaves on disability

APTOS — Aptos Fire Chief Nick Baumgartner will retire on disability, effective May 7.

Baumgartner, 53, has been chief for 4½ years. He has been on a medical leave of absence for an undisclosed ailment since Feb. 4.

Fire district directors last week received a letter from Baumgartner, saying he had been advised by his doctors not to return to duty.

The board will discuss a successor at its May 10 meeting. Assistant Chief Al Forbes has been acting chief in Baumgartner's absence.

Baumgartner came to the department as assistant chief in 1977 and was promoted to chief on Aug. 1, 1978, upon the retirement of Richard Chinn. Baumgartner previously served as a captain with the Los Angeles City Fire Department.