

## *Biography*

### **Art Bishop**



Art Bishop is known throughout the community as the hardest working man in Apple Valley. Having a connection with residents that spans 50 square miles, Art is currently serving his third term on the Council. As a long-time resident, Art is committed to intelligent, thoughtful development in Apple Valley while still preserving the outstanding spirit and character of the Town.

Art's public service began with a career in fire service in Lucerne Valley. He later joined the City of Victorville Fire Department before calling home the Apple Valley Fire Protection District where after serving the district for over 15 years and working in fire service for over 30 years, he retired as Fire Chief. During his tenure with the Fire District, Art created the Inland Empire Fire Explorer Association and was instrumental in securing a \$31.6 million state-of-the-art Regional Public Safety Training Center in Apple Valley. This facility is not only used to train new public safety officials, but also serves in conjunction with the local college to provide career development for future Emergency Medical Services, Fire Science/Firefighting and Administration of Justice personnel. Art has always served as an ambassador for the youth mentoring the young adults of today for leadership tomorrow. Shortly after being elected to the Council, Art created the Mayor's Youth Leadership Summit. The summit provides an opportunity for high school students to spend a day with Town elected officials and staff learning about local government.

Art is a strong supporter of our senior community and our Veterans. Serving in the United States Army, 3<sup>rd</sup> Armored Division, he understands the need to provide our veterans with programs and benefits designed to assist those that have given service to this country with needed resources. He uses his voice on the council to fight for the welfare of the unknown soldier living in our communities. Arts unique experience as a veteran, a fire chief, and past President of the Mojave Water Agency Board makes him well-rounded in knowledge and experience as he navigates the challenges faced by communities throughout the state. From veteran affairs to fire safety and droughts, Art has stepped up to the plate to find real solutions that make a difference in both Apple Valley and the State of California.

Art recognizes that it takes hard work and commitment to get the job done. Remaining focused on each task at hand, Art represents the Town as an executive member of the San Bernardino Council of Governments, the Mojave Desert and Mountain Recycling Authority, Victor Valley Wastewater Reclamation Authority, and the Victor Valley Economic Development Authority. He is also an active member in numerous professional and civic organizations including the Apple Valley Chamber of Commerce, the Apple Valley Kiwanis Club, the Apple Valley Optimist Club, the Friends of the Victor Valley Museum, the Apple Valley American Legion, and the Apple Valley Seniors Club.

Art has resided in Apple Valley for over 25 years with his wife Kathleen. They are the proud parents of one son, Aaron, a daughter Angela and five grandsons. Art and Kathleen are also long-standing members of the Community Church at Jess Ranch.