

# End Of Year Report

## Region 6

Fellow Red Knights, this past two years have been a great run for Region 6. This past year I was able to ride to visit all be 3 chapters in the region. We were able to save a chapter from going away and able to revitalize several others. My only regret is that we were not able to establish several other chapters in Texas and we lost a chapter in New Mexico and Nevada. We are working to reestablish chapters there. One of the issues we are up against in the region is that a lot of the fire departments have their own riding clubs and it is hard to break into their area.

Oklahoma is doing a great job of holding their chapters together and making inroads toward new chapters as well as Kansas. We are looking for good things from them.

We are also working on Arizona to try to establish at least one new chapter to begin the work of chapter building there.

All in all things in Region 6 are going well.

Now for myself, I have made the decision not to run for the Region 6 Director position in 2016. It is time for me to move on and I do not want to get caught up in homesteading a Board position for too many years. It is time to bring in new and younger blood on the Board of Directors. It is important that us older guys move on to allow the younger firefighters to make decisions for the Red Knights as this Motorcycle Club is seeing younger firefighters take over in the rains.

I have really enjoyed my time on the Board of Directors I had two goals to bring in term limits and a business plan. Maybe the next Region 6 Director can accomplish that plan. I want to thank Region 6 for all your support. I also ask that you support the next Region 6 Director as you have supported me.

Thank you again,

Joe "ChickenJoe" Connors

Director, Region 6