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### **Dallas Welcomes New Fire and EMS Chief to Lead Dedicated Team**

DALLAS, Oregon (September 7, 2023)

The City of Dallas is pleased to announce the appointment of a new Fire and EMS Chief to lead its dedicated team. The new Chief, April Wallace, brings a wealth of experience and expertise to the role, promising to enhance the city's emergency response services and foster community safety.

The City of Dallas is confident that Chief Wallace's leadership will not only maintain the high standards of our Fire & EMS Department but also introduce innovative strategies to address the evolving changes of the Dallas community and emergency response. Chief Wallace, in her prior roles in the department and City, has already made a great impact on our community.

Mayor Woods expressed enthusiasm, stating, "We are delighted to have Chief Wallace as our Fire and EMS Chief. Her extensive background in fire services and emergency management with the City of Dallas is invaluable and instrumental in ensuring the safety and well-being of our residents."

Chief Wallace brings 25 years of experience in public safety, and has been with the City of Dallas for 24 years – 15 years as a police officer and 9 years with Fire and EMS.

"I consider it a great privilege to continue my career with the City of Dallas as the Fire and EMS Chief," Wallace shared. "My goal is to lead our department with a servant's heart, and to create a culture of safety, self-sacrifice, and preparedness within our organization. Working alongside our dedicated firefighters, EMS personnel, and volunteers, we will uphold the high standard of care and professionalism that our community has come to expect from our department. I am enthusiastic about the path ahead and fully committed to our shared journey."

“I am thrilled to extend my heartfelt congratulations to Chief Wallace on her well-deserved appointment as Dallas' new Fire and EMS Chief,” stated Councilor Collins, Chair of the City’s Public Safety Committee. “This is a significant achievement that not only reflects her dedication and commitment but also recognizes her exceptional leadership within our firefighting community. Her journey to this esteemed position has been marked by hard work, perseverance, and a genuine passion for serving and protecting our community. As she takes on this new role, I have the utmost confidence in her ability to lead with integrity, innovation, and unwavering dedication. The challenges that lie ahead will surely be met with the same determination and courage that have characterized her career thus far.”

Council President Shilling shared, “I would like to publicly congratulate April Wallace on her acceptance to direct our incredible fire and medical personnel as Dallas Fire and EMS Chief. Her leadership qualities demonstrate her dedication to the department and can be seen through the support offered by the department's personnel. Our New Fire and EMS Chief has the full support of the City Council.”

The City of Dallas eagerly anticipates Chief Wallace’s continued leadership and positive impact she brings to the Fire Department and community.



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