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City of South Fulton Government

City of South Fulton City Names Jack Butler Jr. as Interim Fire Chief

(CITY OF SOUTH FULTON, GEORGIA, Thursday, February 28, 2019) The City of South Fulton is proud to name Deputy Chief Jack Butler Jr. as the City's Interim Fire Chief. Butler will take the helm after Fire Chief Larry Few's last day as Fire Chief as he is retiring from the fire service after 38 years of impeccable service.

With over 34 years of experience in positions of increasing responsibility in the Fulton County and City of South Fulton Fire and Rescue Services, Chief Butler has made many accomplishments. He began his career as a Lieutenant/Company Officer for the Fulton County Fire Rescue Department in 1995 and worked his way up the ranks of the Department, becoming the Deputy Fire Chief and Fire Marshall in 2014. During his tenure with Fulton County, he also served as the Community Risk Reduction Assistant Fire Marshall, Fire & EMS Operations Battalion Chief, Training & Member Development Division Chief, Emergency Medical Technician, Fire Safety Inspector and he served as a Fire Arson Investigator. Additionally, Butler has served as the Deputy Fire Chief for the City of South Fulton from 2018 to 2019.

Chief Butler served as an Aviation Firefighter for the United States Marine Corps for four years. He is a Certified Public Manager through the University of Georgia Carl Vinson Institute of Government and holds an associate degree in management from Shorter University. He is currently pursuing his bachelor's degree at Shorter University. Chief Butler served as the District Chair for the South Crescent District of the Boy Scouts of America from 2012 to 2017. He was also the Committee Chair of the Metro Atlanta Urban Area Security Initiative from 2009 to 2013.

Chief Butler has experience in developing and administering fiscal budgets in excess of \$32.5 million, management of high-profile projects, and strategic planning. His proven ability to provide innovative problem-solving and excellent track record of promoting fire safety and prevention through community involvement has labeled him as the perfect candidate for Interim Fire Chief for the City of South Fulton.

"We are honored and proud to have Chief Butler transition into the role of Interim Fire Chief for the City of South Fulton," stated City Manager Odie Donald II. "Chief Butler's extensive years of experience and expertise in fire services will be a great compliment to our outstanding Fire Department. He is a very talented leader with broad expertise in Organizational Planning, Human Resources and Fire Operations. I'm confident that his team-building and people skills will help the City's Fire Department maintain and grow its great reputation and service to the citizens of South Fulton."

Chief Butler is a strong advocate for community education and involvement and currently manages the City's fire safety outreach program. He will begin his role as Interim Fire Chief on Monday, March 4, 2019.

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