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City of South Fulton Government

City of South Fulton Names Freddie Broome New Fire Chief

(CITY OF SOUTH FULTON, GEORGIA, Tuesday, May 14, 2019) The City of South Fulton names Freddie Broome new Fire Chief.

Broome comes to the City of South Fulton from the Valdosta, Georgia Fire Department, a position he has held since March 2014. As the Fire Chief in Valdosta, Broome provides leadership and management for the Administration, Operations, Training, Fire Prevention, Maintenance and Special Operations Divisions that consist of 108 staff members, six individual fire stations and one regional Georgia Search and Rescue Team. During his tenure as the Valdosta Fire Chief, Broome maintained a department budget over \$8 million. Chief Broome was responsible for leading the Valdosta Fire Department to an ISO Class 1 rating, and the department is currently working towards becoming an accredited agency.

Chief Freddie Broome has 23 years of experience in Fire Service. He was instrumental in starting the Citizen Fire Academy, the Valdosta Fire and Rescue EMT program, purchasing new fire trucks and adding MDC (Mobile Data Computers) to all of the department's fire trucks. Broome is also responsible for establishing policy and procedures and purchasing equipment to improve Firefighter Safety, Firefighter Rehab, and Cancer Reduction efforts.

Chief Broome is actively involved in the Fire Profession by serving on several committees. He serves as the Georgia State Director for the Southeastern Association of Fire Chiefs. He represents Georgia Municipal Association on the Georgia Fire Academy Advisory Council, serves on the International Association of Fire Chief's Human Relations Committee and is an Adjunct Instructor at the Georgia Fire Academy.

Broome has an Associate of Applied Science degree in Fire Protection Technology from Forsyth Technical College, a Bachelor of Science degree in Engineering Technology with a Concentration in Fire Safety from the University of North Carolina at Charlotte, and a Master of Public Administration degree with a concentration in Public Management from Appalachian State University. He is certified as a Chief Fire Officer (CFO) through the Center for Public Safety Excellence, a Certified Georgia Fire Chief through the Georgia Association of Fire Chief, Fire Officer IV, and a National Registry and State of Georgia EMT.

“Chief Broome is widely recognized as one of the best fire professionals in both the great state of Georgia and the nation. I am excited to add his expertise and successful track record to our executive team. I am confident that Chief Broome's leadership will continue our efforts to make the South Fulton Fire and Rescue Department the state's best fire service,” said City Manager Odie Donald II.