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### South Fulton Fire Rescue Welcomes Deputy Chiefs to Lead Operations, Support Services

(City of South Fulton, GA – Aug. 16, 2021) – As it continuously seeks to improve service to residents, the City of South Fulton Fire Rescue department today introduced Hilda Moses as deputy chief of support services and Deron “Pat” Wilson as deputy chief of operations.

Both will focus on mentoring fire personnel and improving procedures and processes as the department works to achieve accreditation and an improved Insurance Services Office, or ISO, rating.

“Together, deputy chiefs Moses and Wilson bring a wealth of valuable experience in operations, inspections, training and education,” said Fire Chief Chad Jones. “These are critical areas as we work to build a more capable and professional fire department.”

“By achieving an ISO 1 rating, we ensure we have all needed resources and the best leadership in place to manage any incident we face,” Jones added. “An improved ISO rating also means better residential and commercial insurance rates – an added benefit for South Fulton residents and business owners.”

In her new role, Moses is responsible for fire marshal services, arson investigations, logistics, inspections and public education. Most recently, she served on the faculty for the College of Safety and Emergency Services at Columbia Southern University in Orange Beach, Ala.

A former battalion chief with the St. Johns Fire District in Johns Island S.C., Moses has held numerous other fire leadership roles, including positions with government services provider PAE; the V.C. Bird International Airport in Antigua, West Indies; DynCorp International in Afghanistan; Dekalb Technical College in Clarkston, Ga.; and the U.S. Air Force at Dobbins Air Force Base in Marietta, Ga.

Moses attended Mercer University, where she earned a bachelor’s degree in criminal justice and political science and a master’s degree in public safety leadership. She received a doctorate degree in crisis, emergency and disaster management from Capella University.

As head of support services, Wilson will manage fire and EMS operations as well as safety and training.

Formerly chief of the Coweta County Fire Department between 2016 and 2021, Wilson also served as deputy fire chief of planning and professional development for the Charleston Fire Department in South

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Carolina from 2013 to 2016. He was deputy fire chief with the City of John's Creek, Ga., where he managed operations as well as training, support and fire marshal services.

Wilson holds a bachelor's degree in criminal justice and law enforcement administration from Georgia Southern University and bachelor's and master's degrees in business administration from American InterContinental University. He earned a doctorate degree in organizational leadership from Capella University.

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### **About the City of South Fulton**

Home to more than 100,000 residents, the City of South Fulton is Georgia's fifth-largest city. It covers more than 85 square miles and features both urban and rural landscapes with the most undeveloped land on metro Atlanta's southern side. Incorporated on May 1, 2017, South Fulton is among Georgia's youngest and fast-growing cities – on the rise and recognized as the place you want to be. Learn more, download our smartphone app and connect with us on social media at [cityofsouthfultonga.gov](http://cityofsouthfultonga.gov).