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South Jordan City Fire Department Selects New Deputy Fire Chief

SOUTH JORDAN, UT – South Jordan City Fire Department welcomes new Deputy Fire Chief, Chris Dawson. Chief Dawson was selected as the new Deputy Fire Chief replacing Chief Thompson who is now the Lone Peak Fire Chief.

Deputy Chief Dawson began his career in the fire service as a volunteer firefighter and rose through the ranks where he held positions as Firefighter EMT, Firefighter Paramedic, Engineer, Captain, Department training Officer and most recently, Battalion Chief. He comes to South Jordan after serving as a Battalion Chief with Sandy City for more than eight years.

“Chief Dawson brings with him more than 22 years of EMS experience and leadership. He is a highly qualified and competent individual who is a valuable resource to the fire department. I am absolutely thrilled to have him as part of our management team and I look forward to continuing to work with him in his new role as Deputy Fire Chief,” said South Jordan City Fire Chief, Andy Butler.

Throughout his time as a battalion chief, Dawson was responsible for overseeing the fire department’s Heavy Rescue and Hazardous Materials programs as well as teaching and training many fire and EMS related disciplines, including paramedic school, fire certification, incident command, rope and confined space rescue, hazardous materials training and many other related classes. He has also worked as adjunct faculty in the Utah Valley University Emergency Services program since 2003, and currently teaches online classes in their Emergency Services Management program. In addition, he worked for more than a decade teaching weapons of mass destruction related training to various military and first responder groups throughout the nation.

Chief Dawson holds a Bachelor’s Degree from Utah Valley University in Emergency Services Management, a Master’s Degree in Public Administration from Norwich University and he completed the Executive Fire Officer Program at the National Fire Academy.

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“I have loved my time in the fire service and I am very excited to be able to work with the professional men and women of the South Jordan Fire Department. I am humbled and honored to be able to work alongside all of South Jordan’s employees and I am committed to continue to deliver the best possible service to the citizens of South Jordan. I have the utmost respect for the firefighters in South Jordan and I am thrilled with the opportunity I have to join their team,” said South Jordan Deputy Fire Chief, Chris Dawson.

Dawson is married to his wife, Cheree of 17 years; together they have two children, Samantha (15) and Jackson (12).

Chief Dawson began his role as the new Deputy Chief in early March.

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The City of South Jordan, one of the fastest growing cities in the United States, is located 20 miles southwest of Salt Lake City, and home to more than 72,000 residents. In 2010, 2012, and 2014, South Jordan was named one of the Top 20 “Best Place to Live in America” by Money Magazine.