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### **South Jordan Fire Chief Evans Retires from Service, New Fire Chief Andy Butler Sworn into Office**

**SOUTH JORDAN, UT – Dec. 11, 2014-** South Jordan City’s new Fire Chief, Andrew Butler will take his oath of office as he is sworn in at the City Council meeting on Tuesday, Dec. 16. Andy Butler will replace Fire Chief Chris Evans as he ends his public service career on Dec. 12.

“Chief Evans left an unforgettable mark on this community. His focus on delivering the best pre-hospital cardiac care will forever benefit the lives of those who reside in South Jordan. There are many people alive today because of the skilled fire professionals that work under Chief Evans. As a resident, I am truly grateful. Chief Evans is a true professional and his work here in South Jordan will be foundational for the future. He is leaving the fire department in a better place than when he arrived,” said Gary Whatcott, South Jordan City Manager.

**Chief Chris Evans** began his public service career in November 1983 as a part-time firefighter for West Jordan City. Chief Evans served the next 15 years in a variety of positions including, Patrol Officer, Firefighter-EMT, S.W.A.T. Medic, Fire Lieutenant and Fire Captain. During his time with the department Chief Evans developed and implemented a 13-week recruit training academy, in-in service training program and Firefighter Survival Course while serving as a volunteer firefighter for the City of South Jordan. In 2001, Chief Evans accepted a full-time position as Operations Battalion Chief with the South Jordan Fire Department. Over the next few years, Chief Evans was promoted through the South Jordan Fire Department where he ultimately became the Fire Chief in 2005.

“Our community will be in good hands with our newly appointed Chief. Chief Butler is an experienced public safety professional, who has proven his ability to lead and handle the toughest emergencies. He has a vision for the future in Emergency and Fire Services that will preserve the rich history of South Jordan’s Fire Department. I have complete confidence in Chief Butler that he will provide security and comfort to all residents,” said Whatcott.

**Chief Andrew Butler** began his public service career in 1995 where he worked part-time for Draper City Ambulance and Salt Lake County Fire Department. He joined the South Jordan Fire Department in 1997 as a part-time firefighter. Two-years later, he accepted a full-time position as a firefighter. Chief Butler attended paramedic school and spent six years working as a paramedic. In 2007 he was promoted to Captain, eight months later he was appointed to serve as a Battalion Chief. Chief Butler served in a variety of specialty positions and was involved with several programs within the fire department including: S.W.A.T. Medic, Hazardous Materials Technician, Grant Writing Specialist, Public Outreach and Education, Fire Training, Special Operations, Recruitment and Hiring Programs.

“I’m honored to have the privilege to serve the residents of South Jordan City as the next fire chief. I look forward to the opportunities and challenges that lie ahead and to working with the great men and women of the South Jordan Fire Department. Chief Evans has been an influential and integral part of the South Jordan City Fire Department for the last 13 years. Through his vision and dedication there have been several programs developed and improvements in service that have led to lives being saved. He has been a great mentor and a great friend. I wish him the best of luck in the future endeavors,” said Andy Butler, South Jordan City Fire Chief.

Chief Butler will manage and oversee the operations of 48 full-time firefighters, three Battalion Chiefs, Seven Captains, nine part-time Paramedics and one full-time Fire Assistant.

Media are welcome to attend the South Jordan City Council Meeting on Dec. 16, 2014 at 6:00 p.m. for the swearing in of Chief Andy Butler.

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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 62,000 residents. In 2010, 2012, and 2014, South Jordan was named one of the Top 20 “Best Place to Live in America” by Money Magazine.*



Chief Andy Butler



Chief Chris Evans