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KEN BARNES NAMED GLENDALE FIRE DEPARTMENTS NEXT ASSISTANT CHIEF

Glendale, Ariz.- Ken Barnes was promoted to Assistant Chief last Friday as the previous assistant took the position as Fire Chief in El Mirage. Chief Barnes was hired with the Glendale Fire Department on June 25th, 1993. Prior to working in Glendale, he served as a firefighter in Avondale for 2.5 years. Giving him a total of over 27 years in the fire service. Chief Barnes is married to his lovely wife Molly and they have three beautiful and successful daughters. He is a proud grandfather and a devoted family man.

Chief Barnes has had a very full and diverse career with the fire department. He was promoted to Engineer in 1998 and then to Captain just a few short years later in 2001. Chief Barnes is part of our special operations team having completed both HAZ MAT and TRT schools. Later he would serve as the Chief over Special Operations. Chief Barnes devoted many years working on the HAZ MAT team before moving to director of Special Events in 2012. While in Special Events Chief Barnes helped plan and carryout Super Bowl 49 at the stadium in Glendale. Chief Barnes spent three years in special events and then promoted to Battalion Chief in 2015. He then went to the training division after his promotion. Chief Barnes was instrumental in creating and executing the 2018 Captains promotional process. Chief Barnes was promoted after competing with a myriad of qualified candidates for the Assistant Chief position. Chief Barnes joins the command team of Fire Chief Terry Garrison and Assistant Chief Gary Benson.

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