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GLENDALE NAMES NEW FIRE CHIEF *Terry Garrison Selected After Nationwide Search*

GLENDALE, Ariz. – Terry Garrison has been appointed Fire Chief for the City of Glendale, following a competitive nationwide search.

Chief Garrison comes to the City of Glendale from Houston, Texas, where he has served as the Fire Chief since 2010. Houston has the third largest Fire Department in the United States with more than 4,000 members and a budget of \$509 million. Prior to serving in Houston, Chief Garrison was the Interim Fire Chief for Daisy Mountain Fire District in Arizona in 2010, Fire Chief for the City of Oceanside, California from 2007 to 2009, and served with the City of Phoenix Fire Department from 1977 to 2007.

“Glendale is a vibrant city with a Fire department that has a 100-year history of state-of-the-art emergency services, combined with an exceptional level of customer service,” stated Chief Garrison. “I am humbled and privileged to join this team, and am looking forward toward an ongoing collaboration with city leadership, city management and – most importantly – the citizens of Glendale.”

“Chief Garrison brings exceptional talent and experience that will serve Glendale well,” said Acting City Manager Dick Bowers.

The Glendale Fire Department consists of 247 sworn fire employees and 34 civilian employees, and operates nine fire stations situated across the city. This fully accredited department responds to approximately 40,000 calls a year, providing a variety of emergency services including fire suppression, emergency medical response, hazardous materials response and specialized rescues.

Chief Garrison holds a Bachelor's Degree in Fire Science Management from Ottawa University and a Master's Degree in Educational Leadership from Northern Arizona University.

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He has also completed the Certified Public Manager program and attended the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University. In addition to his leadership in the municipal fire service, Chief Garrison has traveled throughout the United States and Asia teaching incident command and behavioral leadership with an emphasis on sustainable organizational change.

The new Fire Chief will manage a budget of \$47.6 million and will earn a salary of \$170,000. Chief Garrison assumes command on Nov. 2.

For more information about the Glendale Fire Department, visit <http://www.glendaleaz.com/fire/>.

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