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Deputy Fire Chief Greg Elsberry Retires - Brandon Newsome Named New Deputy Chief

Dallas, Georgia, December 5th 2020 – After 30 years of service to the citizens of Paulding County, Deputy Fire Chief Greg Elsberry has retired.

During his long and illustrious career, beginning as a volunteer Firefighter, Chief Elsberry earned the reputation as a highly accomplished firefighter and a great leader. In addition to a degree in Fire Science, he is a nationally registered Paramedic, certified Arson Investigator, and certified by the State of Georgia as both an EMS and Fire Instructor.

Chief Elsberry served on the State of Georgia Department of Public Health – Office of EMS & Trauma - Region One Medical Advisory Council, and Chairman of the Local Emergency Planning Committee. His vast experience and steady demeanor will be missed.

While Chief Elsberry's shoes will be hard to fill, Division Chief Brandon Newsome, who is also a highly experienced leader, has been promoted to Deputy Chief – only the fourth person to hold that title in the entire history of Paulding County Fire & Rescue.

Newsome, has served PCFD with distinction for more than 26 years. Similar to Chief Elsberry, he is well-qualified with credentials including State of Georgia Fire Investigator, Paramedic, and nationally recognized fire officer.

In his new role, Newsome will oversee all Fire Department operations, emergency response resources – including responsibility for all 13 Fire Stations, and Paulding's Fire Training Division.

Chief Joey Pelfrey commented, "Paulding County Fire & Rescue has grown significantly in stride with the growing population in our county. We have added personnel, opened new stations, commissioned new equipment, and significantly expanded our emergency capabilities for the benefit of our citizens. At the same time, our team has been able to maintain a tight-knit feeling much like a family. Although I'm very happy for him, I'm sad to see Chief Elsberry retire as a friend and long-time colleague. His contributions over a 30 year devoted career have been substantial.

"As a Department we are fortunate to have extremely capable leaders like Deputy Chief Newsome, who are well prepared to step up to new challenges and responsibilities and keep PCFD moving in the right direction. I am proud to have so many great women & men at all levels of our Department who are all dedicated to the mission of serving Paulding County citizens well."