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Paulding County Commissions New EMS Division & Appoints Chief

Dallas, Georgia, September 18, 2020 – As Paulding County’s population continues to grow so does demand for Emergency Medical Service. Today, PCFD announced the commission of a new EMS Division, which will focus on meeting the rapidly increasing emergency medical needs of its citizens.

Battalion Chief Timothy King, a 25-year veteran of PCFD, and an experienced Paramedic, has been promoted to lead the newly formed Division. Chief King, who assumes his new duties on October 19th, is tasked to enhance Paulding Fire’s medical response capabilities and to improve the tools which are used to care for patients. Chief King will also serve as Paulding County’s liaison to Metro Atlanta EMS, the State’s licensed emergency medical transport/ambulance agency for Paulding County, as well as Wellstar Paulding Hospital and other hospitals that treat patients transported from Paulding.

According to Chief Joey Pelfrey, “Paulding Fire has been working hard to meet the evolving needs of our County. In 2019 we responded to ~12,250 calls for medical service. That represented 75% of our total 911 call volume. Our new EMS Division will partner with Metro Atlanta Ambulance Service to ensure we quickly respond to medical emergencies with the right personnel and equipment at the right time.”

“Over the years many of our Firefighters earned Paramedic and EMT credentials on their own time and at their own cost,” Chief Pelfrey continued. “As part of our comprehensive long-term plan we launched a PCFD-sponsored Advanced EMT training program in 2019 - which is close to graduating it’s second cohort of certified Advanced EMT’s. Everything we do as a Department is designed to ensure the very-best emergency services regardless of the type of incident we are responding to. Under the leadership of Chief King in our newly formed EMS Division, we are another step closer to delivering world-class services to the citizens of Paulding County.”

