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### CITY OF TUCSON SELECTS NEW FIRE CHIEF

The City of Tucson is pleased to announce the selection of Mr. Charles (Chuck) Ryan as the 28<sup>th</sup> Fire Chief of the Tucson Fire Department (TFD). He will begin his role leading this exceptional organization on Sept. 30.

A competitive, nationwide search and complete assessment process was held to fill the Chief position. Finalists were interviewed by City staff, a Fire Services technical panel, and a leadership/management panel with both private sector and public sector representatives. The finalists also participated in question and answer panels with Tucson Fire employees, City stakeholders, including elected officials and neighborhood leaders, and the City Manager's Executive Leadership Team, consisting of City department directors.

"I am excited about the experience and leadership Chuck brings to the organization and am looking forward to great things for the Fire Department," said City Manager Michael Ortega.

Chief Ryan has worked in the Fire Service since 1994 and is joining TFD having most recently served as an Assistant Fire Chief with the Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department. In this role Chief Ryan led the department's Business Services Bureau. The bureau encompassed the Fiscal Services Division, IT Section, Planning Section, Prevention Division and the Fire Marshal's Office, and Support Services Division. In addition, the agency's Accreditation Program Manager and ISO Program Manager reported to Chief Ryan. He previously held the position of Assistant Chief of the department's Personnel Services Bureau, and before that, Deputy Chief of the Special Operations Division, providing executive oversight to the agency's Hazardous Materials Response Program, Technical Rescue Operations Program, Urban Search & Rescue Program, and Emergency Planning & Preparedness.

Chief Ryan will be taking on the leadership and management of the 32nd busiest department in the country and the second largest department in the State of Arizona. The ISO Class 1 rated Tucson Fire Department staffs 22 fire stations and its 632 uniformed and 49 non-sworn personnel work to protect life, property, and the environment with an all-hazards response through fire and emergency medical services, technical rescue, hazardous materials mitigation, disaster preparedness and response, public education, and community service. TFD's FY 2020 approved operations budget is \$102,580,010 and the capital projects budget, thanks to our voters' approval of the Prop. 101 Tucson Delivers program, is \$12,585,400.

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