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City of Monterey Park Appoints Interim Fire Chief Chris Thompson, Thanks Chief Matt Hallock for His Years of Service to the Community

Monterey Park, Calif. — January 29, 2024 — The City of Monterey Park is pleased to announce the appointment of Interim Fire Chief Chris Thompson. With an extensive career spanning almost 24 years in fire service in the City of Monterey Park, Chris has been an invaluable asset to the City's Fire Department.

Interim Chief Thompson started as a Firefighter/Paramedic and worked his way up through the Department. He has served as Battalion Chief and holds certifications as both a Chief Officer and an Executive Chief Officer with the State of California. Chris's commitment to professional development is evident in his educational background, which includes a Bachelor's Degree in Public Administration and a Master's Degree in Emergency Management.



Chris also serves as the City's Emergency Manager, showcasing his dedication to ensuring the safety and well-being of Monterey Park residents.



The City also extends its gratitude to Chief Matt Hallock for his 22 years of service, exceptional leadership, and unconditional commitment to the Monterey Park community. Chief Hallock's leadership has been particularly evident during challenging times, notably steering the department with resilience through the unprecedented challenges posed by the COVID-19 pandemic. His efforts ensured the safety of both the firefighting personnel and the community at large, exemplifying his commitment to public health and safety.

In addition to his outstanding efforts during the pandemic, Chief Hallock demonstrated unwavering leadership in the face of adversity during the tragic mass shooting incident on January 21, 2023. His actions played a crucial role in coordinating emergency response efforts, providing support to the affected individuals, and compassionately leading his Department during a period of crisis and profound challenges.

Monterey Park wishes Chief Hallock the very best as he takes on the role of Fire Chief for the City of Santa Monica and congratulates Interim Chief Chris Thompson on his new role for the City of Monterey Park.

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