



Lathrop-Manteca Fire Protection District

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LATHROP MANTECA FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT APPOINTS FIRE CHIEF

Lathrop, Calif. – On June 16, 2022, the Lathrop Manteca Fire Protection District (District) Board of Directors appointed David A. Bramell to serve as the District's next Fire Chief. The appointment of Chief Bramell comes after former Chief Gene Neely retired on April 23, 2021. The Board of Directors formalized the appointment at their regular Board meeting on June 16, 2022 by unanimously approving an employment agreement between Chief Bramell and the District to serve as Fire Chief effective July 11, 2022. Battalion Chief Josh Capper, will continue to serve as Interim Fire Chief until that date.

As a California Special Fire District, the Board of Directors appoints the Fire Chief. The Fire Chief serves as the Chief Executive Officer of the District and is responsible for the overall leadership and management of the District and its employees.

"I am incredibly grateful for this opportunity to serve the greater Lathrop community as Fire Chief." said Chief Bramell. "I look forward to working with our Board of Directors, supporting our staff, and working together to ensure the continued delivery of high-quality fire service to our community."

Chief Bramell comes to the District from the nearby South San Joaquin County Fire Authority (Tracy, CA) where he has served since 1994. For the last 17 years, Chief Bramell has served as a Fire Division Chief with assignments in both Administration and Operations. He began his career with the City of Manteca as a Reserve Firefighter in 1990, before being hired full-time with the Tracy Rural Fire District in 1994. During his time in Tracy, Chief Bramell has served as the Interim Fire Chief on three separate occasions and has extensive administrative fire service experience.

"The Fire Board was presented with a lot of great choices." said Chairperson Jeremy Coe. "With that said, Chief Bramell's integrity, professionalism, and leadership skills made him clearly the best choice for our district." Chairperson Coe went on to say, "The Fire Board was very fortunate and appreciative to have Chief Capper keep the forward momentum going during this process."

A longtime resident of Manteca, Chief Bramell is nearing completion of a Bachelor's Degree in Fire Administration from Columbia Southern University, holds an Associate's Degree in Fire Science, is a certified Chief Officer, Fire Instructor and Emergency Medical Technician. The District contracted with Bob Murray & Associates of Roseville to fill the vacant position. The Board of Directors were presented with 22 potential candidates, and after several meetings,

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interviews, community & professional participation panels, Chief Bramell was selected to be the District's next Fire Chief.

IMAGE: Photo of David A. Bramell, Fire Chief for the Lathrop Manteca Fire Protection District



ABOUT THE LATHROP MANTECA FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

The Lathrop Manteca Fire Protection District is a California Special District organized under the laws of the State of California Health and Safety Code section 13800. The District is an all-risk fire service provider serving the City of Lathrop and the rural Manteca area located in Northern San Joaquin Valley at the intersection of Interstate 5 and Highway 120. The District serves one of Northern California's fastest growing and most comprehensive Master Planned communities.

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