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## **PRESS RELEASE**

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### **City of Glenwood Springs Fire Department hires Deputy Fire Chief**

Glenwood Springs, Colo – The City of Glenwood Springs Fire Department is pleased to announce the selection of current Battalion Chief, Doug Gerrald, a 29-year veteran of the Colorado fire service, as the department’s Deputy Fire Chief. This announcement follows an extensive national search to fill the department’s new position. The assessment team involved several members of city management, law enforcement, and fire department veterans from across the state.

“We are excited that Gerrald has accepted the Deputy Fire Chief position. His extensive training and substantial experience will accelerate the department in pursuit of our ongoing mission,” stated Gary Tillotson, Fire Chief of the Glenwood Springs Fire Department.

Gerrald’s love for the outdoors took him to Breckenridge, Colorado, where he began his career as a volunteer firefighter in 1992 and went on to serve as a full-time Captain. Concurrently, Gerrald also served at North-West Fire Protection District as a volunteer and at Summit County Ambulance as a Paramedic.

In 2008, Gerrald started his career at Glenwood Springs Fire Department as a Firefighter and moved through the ranks to lead C-shift for the past 11 years as Battalion Chief. During which time he also served the entire department and region as our Emergency Medical Service Coordinator.

Gerrald was amongst the first on the Western Slope to achieve the National Fire Academy’s Executive Fire Officer designation. He also led some of Colorado Mountain College’s first Fire Academies and has served as Wildland Fire Fighting Program Coordinator.

During time away from the fire service, he enjoys skiing, hockey, mountain biking, and dirt biking. Gerrald lives in New Castle, Colorado with his wife and two children. Gerrald also coaches the mountain bike team for Glenwood Springs High School.

In announcing the appointment, Chief Tillotson noted, "Gerrald has held nearly every rank in the fire service and has a proven track record of achievements and excellence. We have significant opportunities and challenges within this unique community and look forward to Gerrald playing a key role in helping us meet the challenges of the future."

As a proficient Battalion Chief of the Glenwood Springs Fire Department Gerrald is certainly well prepared for this position and has already hit the ground running. We look forward to a long and collaborative partnership serving the community as a team.

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