



Captain Travis Wilkinson Promoted to Deputy Fire Chief *17-Year Veteran Moves into Executive Command Role with Department*

STEAMBOAT SPRINGS, COLORADO-January 13, 2021-Captain Travis Wilkinson has been promoted to the position of Deputy Fire Chief for Steamboat Springs Fire Rescue, after a widespread search by the city.

“It’s a pleasure to see Travis move into this new leadership role and work with the executive team to shape the future of the department and growth of our staff,” said Fire Chief Chuck Cerasoli. “His leadership and extensive experience will be a tremendous asset to the Steamboat Springs Fire Department and community.”

Captain Wilkinson joined Steamboat Springs Fire Rescue in 2004 as a full-time firefighter. Over the next 17 years, he climbed the ladder through the ranks, moving from firefighter/EMT to shift supervisor to Lieutenant and most recently Captain, a role he served in for the past 9 years.

In his new role, Wilkinson will be second in command overseeing departmental daily operations including fire suppression, emergency medical services, wildland fires, safety education and firefighter training. The Deputy Chief also serves on various community emergency services committees, incident command teams and acts as liaison with regional and state agencies.

In addition, he holds numerous state and federal certifications including HazMat Operations, Incident Command, Wildland Fire, EMT-Intermediate, Advance Cardiac Life Support and Pediatric Life Support, Technical and High Angle Rescue, Swiftwater Rescue and Ice Rescue.

“Serving the citizens of my community has been an honor and I look forward to continuing those efforts as the Deputy Fire Chief,” commented Travis Wilkinson. “SSFR has a tremendous and dedicated team, which I hope my promotion allows advancement opportunities for others within the department.”

Born and raised in Steamboat Springs, Wilkinson graduated from Steamboat Springs High School before heading to the University of Colorado Boulder, where he earned a Bachelor of Arts & Sciences with honors. He met his wife of 26 years, Susie, while in high school. They have two children, an 18-year-old son, Camden, who is in his first year at the US Military Academy West Point; and a 16-year-old daughter, Tinsley, a junior at Steamboat Mountain School.

SSFR serves the city and surrounding Steamboat Springs Area Fire Protection District, a 387-square-mile area with an estimated base population of 20,000 people with upwards of 35,000 people with visitors. SSFR provides Fire and EMS assistance when requested by other fire agencies in the county through mutual aid agreements.

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