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Rockdale County's Fire Chief Cedric Scott Accepts Offer With City of Savannah



**Chief Cedric Scott,
Chief of Rockdale
County Fire and Rescue**

Rockdale County – Fire Chief Cedric Scott announced today his decision to accept a job offer with the City of Savannah. Chief Cedric Scott was appointed to the position of Chief of the Rockdale Fire and Rescue Department following a majority vote on June 29, 2010 by the Board of Commissioners approving an ordinance to abolish the Department of Emergency Services and create the Fire and Rescue Department.

“This is a bitter-sweet moment in the strategic life of the County. Chief Scott is a strong leader and under his leadership our Department of Fire and Rescue and 911 Communications has provided outstanding services to our citizens,” Chairman Richard Oden stated. “We recognize when you hire exceptional talent other organizations, searching for stellar performers, often reach out with valuable offers too.”

Chief Scott will serve as an assistant Fire Chief for the City of Savannah's Fire and Emergency Services Department with direct oversight of the logistics division which encompasses investigations, communications, inspections, finance, safety and wellness, fleet maintenance and much more.

“I want to thank Chairman Oden and the Board of Commissioners for their tremendous support and for entrusting me to lead two of this community's most important public safety entities – Fire Rescue and 911 Communications,” Chief Scott stated. “My decision to accept the position with the City of Savannah came through careful and heartfelt deliberation; ultimately my wife and I feel this is a wonderful advancement opportunity and the best decision for our family.”

Chairman Richard A. Oden has tapped Deputy Fire Chief Mike Lee to serve as interim Chief and will begin the search for a new Fire Chief immediately.

In a statement provided by Savannah's Fire Chief, Charles G. Middleton he states, “The City of Savannah's Fire and Emergency Services Department is a progressive department and with the skill set Chief Scott brings to the table we believe he will push us to the next level and beyond.”

The recipient of numerous awards, Chief Scott has earned a host of credits throughout his career; he was named Fireman of the Year in 1995 and was awarded the Bibb County 4-H Distinguished Service Citation (2000-2001). He is also a Paramedic and was recognized as a Star of Life by the American Ambulance Association in 2001.

Scott received the Chief Fire Officer Designation (CFOD) by the Center for Public Safety Excellence and is a student in the National Fire Academy's “Executive Fire Officer Program.

Chief Cedric Scott has more than 22 years experience; beginning his career with the Macon-Bibb County Fire Department in 1987, and rapidly moved up through the ranks to serve as the department's Fire Training Chief and later serving as Fire Chief for College Park Georgia before coming to Rockdale County.

Scott believes education plays a major role in success. He graduated with honors from paramedic school, received AAS degrees in Paramedic Technology (Gordon College) and Fire Service Administration (Macon State College), a Bachelor's degree in Business Administration from Mercer University, and a Master's in Business Administration from Wesleyan College in 2003.

Fire Chief Scott will officially resign his duties as Rockdale's Fire Chief at the end of his shift on April 29, 2011.