



TEMPLE TERRACE FIRE DEPARTMENT NEWS RELEASE

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TEMPLE TERRACE ANNOUNCES NEW FIRE CHIEF

(TEMPLE TERRACE, FL. – 5/5/16) – Ian Kemp, the Temple Terrace Fire Department’s assistant fire chief for the past nine years, is the City’s new fire chief, it was announced this week.

Kemp, 52, replaces outgoing chief Keith Chapman, who resigned to take a new position in the private sector. Kemp’s promotion is effective immediately, said City Manager Charles W. Stephenson.

Kemp takes over one of the top-rated fire departments in the nation. The Temple Terrace Fire Department is internationally accredited by the Commission on Fire Accreditation International (CFAI), and has attained a Class I Fire Suppression Rating, which insurance companies often consider in factoring property fire insurance rates. Less than 1 percent of fire agencies in the country are both internationally accredited and possess an ISO Class I rating, records show.

“It is a true honor and privilege to step into the position of fire chief and lead the Temple Terrace Fire Department,” Kemp said. “I look forward to continuing to build upon the successful foundation that has been laid before me, and maintaining our status as a progressive, well-trained fire department. Our residents expect and deserve nothing less.”

Kemp was hired as the department’s assistant fire chief in 2007. He came to Temple Terrace from the Fort Lauderdale Fire Department, where he was a battalion chief. He began his firefighting career in the City of Naples in 1991, going to work for Fort Lauderdale in 1993. He grew up in Miami, and later earned a bachelor’s degree in economics from the University of South Florida in 1989.

Kemp’s wife, Tamera, is a captain with Tampa Fire Rescue. The couple has two children.

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