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Lansing Fire Chief Randy Talifarro to Resign

Chief Talifarro will continue to serve as the City of East Lansing Fire Chief

(LANSING) – The City of Lansing and East Lansing announce that Fire Chief Randy Talifarro will resign from his position as Lansing Fire Chief effective July 1st, 2018, but will continue to serve as the City of East Lansing Fire Chief. Lansing and East Lansing entered into an agreement to share a fire chief in January 2012 on an interim basis. Chief Talifarro has served the Lansing Fire Department for over four years, and we thank him for his service protecting Lansing residents.

“I’d like to thank Chief Talifarro for his work as the Lansing Fire Chief. We appreciate the work that he has done to get us through challenging times over the last six years. The City of Lansing will now begin the search for a new Fire Chief to fill his position,” said Mayor Andy Schor.

During Talifarro’s time as Lansing Fire Chief, he has hired and trained over one-third of the entire fire suppression staff, improved operational efficiencies, advanced regional cooperation by creating or expanding mutual/automatic aid agreements, established (via grant funding) an Active Violence Response Team and Tactical Emergency Team to support police, built local partnerships to improve hiring, increased training opportunities (both internal and external), increased ambulance revenue through better compliance, documentation and oversight, among many other accomplishments that have been instrumental to the Lansing Fire Department.

“Chief Talifarro has done a tremendous job serving at the helm of both the Lansing Fire Department and East Lansing Fire Department over the past 6+ years,” said East Lansing Mayor Mark Meadows. “The things he has been able to accomplish while juggling a leadership role with two major fire departments speaks to his level of professionalism and dedication.”

The City of Lansing and the City of East Lansing have had a joint Fire Chief for more than six years. Though the cities will no longer share the same Fire Chief, strong regional efforts with East Lansing will continue. Our partnership to consolidate 9-1-1 operations with Ingham County, all joint regional teams (HAZMAT), urban search and rescue, confined space rescue, tower rescue, high-angle rescue, active violence, mutual aid box alarm system blue card scene management, regional training consortium, among other partnerships, will continue.

Additional information regarding the application process for the Lansing Fire Chief position will be available soon.

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