

PRESS RELEASE

Georgetown Fire District

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The Georgetown Fire District Board of Directors agreed to enter into an interim administrative contract with CALFIRE for a period of six months beginning January 3, 2019. This agreement is known as the Amador Plan allows for Cal Fire and local government fire districts to work cooperatively to share personnel and resources.

The Board after a presentation from Cal Fire representatives and discussion with members of the public voted unanimously to sign a Resolution of Intent to enter into the agreement.

The short term Amador Plan Agreement will place Assistant Chief Mike Webb as the interim Georgetown Fire Chief while the District explores future options. Chief Webb will report directly to the Georgetown Fire District Board of Directors and will be under the direct supervision of his boss Chief Scott Lindgren, Amador – El Dorado Unit Chief.

“These cooperative agreements are mutually beneficial to both Cal Fire and local government fire agencies because we both face the same risks” said Chief Lindgren. “We are happy to work together in developing positive working relationships and Chief Webb is a natural fit for this temporary assignment” said Lindgren.

Chief Webb has been a Georgetown resident all his life and started his fire service career as a Georgetown Volunteer Fire Fighter. He was hired as a Firefighter Paramedic working on Medic 61 after successful completion of Paramedic training. Eventually Chief Webb joined Cal Fire and has had an outstanding career with the agency.

“The Georgetown Fire District Board of Directors is grateful to Chiefs Lindgren and Webb for their enthusiastic willingness to help out the District during this interim period. Chief Webb is well known and respected in the community and will be an asset in the next few months” said Board Chair Rod Williams.

Chief Webb will be responsible for key administrative and political aspects of District management and representation on various El Dorado County committees including the EMS Joint Powers Authority and El Dorado County Chiefs Association.

Operational aspects for the District will continue to be managed by Georgetown Fire Captains who will have primary responsibility for day to day operations. They will report to Chief Webb.

Because of the departure of Fire Chief Greg Schwab, the district is now determining best options for fire district management for the long term. Chief Schwab has been the Georgetown Fire Chief since June 2006.

The District Board will be meeting over the next few weeks to explore all options for replacing Chief Schwab. Chief Schwab has taken a new position with a rural agency outside of Boulder Colorado. His last day was January 3, 2019.