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CITY OF CHICO ANNOUNCES THE APPOINTMENT OF NEW FIRE CHIEF

CHICO, CA — The City of Chico is pleased to announce the appointment of Wes Metroka as the City's new Fire Chief. Chief Metroka brings decades of fire service leadership, operational expertise, and a strong commitment to public safety and community service to the Chico Fire Department.

Following a comprehensive recruitment process, Chief Metroka was selected for his proven leadership, collaborative approach, and dedication to advancing emergency response services while supporting firefighter development and community engagement.

"Wes Metroka's experience and institutional knowledge make him an outstanding choice to lead the Chico Fire Department," said Mark Sorensen, City Manager for the City of Chico. "We are confident he will continue strengthening the department's mission of providing the highest quality fire, rescue and emergency services to the Chico community in a caring and professional manner."

With over 28 years in the fire service, Chief Metroka has extensive experience in incident command, fire investigation, community risk reduction, hazardous materials response, peer support, training development, and firefighter health and wellness.

"I am honored to serve the City of Chico as Fire Chief," said Metroka. "The Chico Fire Department has a proud tradition of service and professionalism. I look forward to continuing to work alongside the Department's dedicated personnel, City leadership, and community members in this new role."

Located in Butte County, California, Chico is the cultural and economic center of the northern Sacramento Valley and the largest city north of Sacramento. Known as a college town, the home of California State University, Chico and for Bidwell Park, one of the largest urban parks in the United States. For more information, visit www.chicoca.gov.

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