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CHIEF JUSTIN TEEL

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

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TONIGHT'S BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING CONCLUDED CHIEF JOHN "OPIE" THAXTON'S FIVE YEAR TERM AS CHIEF OF THE PINCH VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT. CHIEF THAXTON IS A 35-YEAR VETERAN OF OUR DEPARTMENT AS HAS FAITHFULLY SERVED THE POSITION OF FIRE CHIEF FOR THE PAST FIVE YEARS, WITH AN ADDITIONAL FOUR YEAR APPOINTMENT AS THE DEPUTY CHIEF PRIOR TO HIS TERM AS FIRE CHIEF. CHIEF THAXTON HAS ELECTED NOT TO SEEK ANOTHER TERM AS OUR FIRE CHIEF, HOWEVER PLANS TO REMAIN AN ACTIVE MEMBER OF THE DEPARTMENT. CHIEF THAXTON WILL SERVE ON OUR BOARD OF DIRECTORS GOING FORWARD, WHILE HE CONTINUES TO MANAGE HIS BUSINESS AS WELL AS SPENDING TIME WITH HIS WIFE, CHILDREN, AND GRANDCHILDREN.

CHIEF JUSTIN TEEL HAS BEEN APPOINTED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS AS THE NEXT CHIEF OF THE PINCH VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, AND WILL SERVE A FIVE YEAR TERM. CHIEF TEEL HAS BEEN A MEMBER FOR THE PAST 26 YEARS AND HAS SERVED AS A FIREFIGHTER, TRAINING OFFICER, LIEUTENANT, AND ASSISTANT CHIEF. CHIEF TEEL IS CURRENTLY A LIEUTENANT FOR THE CHARLESTON FIRE DEPARTMENT AND SERVES AS A-SHIFT'S TRAINING AND SAFETY OFFICER. CHIEF TEEL IS ALSO A NATIONALLY REGISTERED PARAMEDIC AND SERVES ON CHARLESTON FIRE DEPARTMENT'S HAZ-MAT TEAM AS WELL AS SEVERAL TECHNICAL RESCUE DISCIPLINES FOR THE WV REGIONAL RESPONSE TEAM. WE LOOK FORWARD TO CHIEF TEEL'S LEADERSHIP MOVING FORWARD AND THANK CHIEF THAXTON FOR HIS SERVICE TO THE DEPARTMENT, OUR COMMUNITY, AND CITIZENS WE SERVE!



CHIEF JUSTIN TEEL, NRP

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