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PRESS RELEASE: NEW FIRE CHIEF  
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## ST. ANDREWS PUBLIC SERVICE DISTRICT WELCOMES NEW FIRE CHIEF

**CHARLESTON, S.C. (September 21, 2016)** - St. Andrews Public Service District (PSD) is pleased to announce that Assistant Chief Charles G. Lamoreaux has been selected as the new Fire Chief for St. Andrews Fire Department (SAFD).

Lamoreaux, Assistant Fire Chief of Training and Special Operations for St. Andrews Fire Department, a division of St. Andrews PSD, has been appointed the 19th Fire Chief of SAFD. Lamoreaux, a 17-year Fire service veteran, assumed his new position at SAFD on September 23, 2016. The announcement was made by St. Andrews PSD District Manager, Christie Holderness, earlier today.

“I am honored and humbled to have been selected to serve as the St. Andrews Public Service District’s Fire Chief. I am looking forward to working with the men and women of St. Andrews to continue to provide a prepared professional response to our customers. This is an exciting time for our organization and I am excited to lead the organization into the future,” says the new chief.

Lamoreaux began his Fire service career at SAFD at the age of 19. Beginning as a Firefighter, he rapidly and steadily moved through the ranks with promotions to Engineer after his first year and Captain in 2006. He earned the recognition of Firefighter of the Year in 2011. During his years of service he propelled the transition of an engine company into a quint company, spearheaded the implementation of a Fireground Survival and RIT program, played a key role in launching a dynamic program for professional development, and was instrumental in the replacement of an aging fleet of fire and environmental service units.

In 2014 he was appointed Assistant Fire Chief of Training and Special Operations responsible for developing and managing annual training curriculums. His duties also included rendering expert supervision to company resources by ensuring efficiency and productivity, as well as high-quality emergency services, promoting consistent compliance of all operations with the fire department’s policies and procedures, and many other key elements that have led to the



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success of the department. Since filling this role he has earned the designations of Fire Instructor I and II and Fire Officer I and II at the S.C. Fire Academy.

Chief Lamoreaux graduated summa cum laude with a Bachelor of Science degree in Fire Science Administration from Waldorf College and holds a Masters of Science in Leadership from Grand Canyon University. He has received the professional designation of Fire Officer IV and Fire Instructor II from the International Fire Service Accreditation Congress. Chief Lamoreaux is also among the elite Georgia Smoke Divers. His professional training includes graduating from S.C. Firefighter Association's Leadership Institute.

When asked when and why he knew he wanted to become the Fire Chief, Chief Lamoreaux responded, "As a young company officer I was challenged to establish goals for both the year and my career. At that time I saw the need for positive influential leadership within SAFD and I knew that I wanted to be a part of making that come to fruition. It was then that I set a goal to become the Fire Chief at St. Andrews. I wanted then and now to become a legacy leader here at SAFD, the organization that gave a young man a chance to make a career out of this time honored profession."

Commenting on the selection of Lamoreaux, District Manager Christie Holderness says, "I have personally witnessed Charles serve diligently throughout his career at St. Andrews. He has worked tirelessly to foster relationships within our organization, the community and the partner agencies with whom our men and women train and serve. I have the utmost confidence in his-expertise, experience, and commitment to serve as Chief. He will play a key role within the organization in the assessment of SAFD Headquarters and outlying fire stations, which are obsolete and inefficient, with the goal of replacing them with cost effective, multipurpose facilities in order to continue to provide our residents with excellent professional service. His drive for success of the organization coupled with the talent the entire Department possesses from entry level firefighter through Battalion Chief and Deputy Chief, the residents of St. Andrews PSD will be proud of their new Chief."

The District Manager added, "I would like to express my appreciation to everyone for their faith and confidence in the search process that was conducted for which Charles Lamoreaux was selected. We are privileged to have the governance and support of the Commission to successfully accomplish this endeavor. I would also like to thank the Administrative staff for their assistance during the selection process."

Chief Lamoreaux contributes the credentials and professional skills he has gained through his affiliation as a member of the International Association of Fire Chiefs, Company Officer



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Leadership Committee IAFC, and Past President of the Charleston Area Training Officer's Association, his volunteer work at Camp "CAN" Do, SAFCAF (St. Andrews Firefighters Community Assistance Fund), High School Injury Prevention Coalition, and Seacoast Men's Hike Ministry.

Having proven himself within the fire service through devotion and steadfastness, Lamoreaux was personally and professionally recommended by influential leaders in areas of emergency response, health care and religious organizations as well as several members of SAFD who have served under him collectively for many years.

Lamoreaux will take over the leadership of SAFD from Interim Chief Ken Fischer who readily served upon Chief Mark Schrade's retirement several months ago. Lamoreaux was selected from more than 80 potential candidates based on his experience, leadership qualities, integrity, education, work ethic, communication, and dedication.

Chief Lamoreaux has been married to his best friend, Tiffin, for 10 years. They have two very bright, active sons ages 6 and 3. In addition to spending time with his family, he is involved with his church and enjoys boating and hiking.

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St. Andrews Fire Department, a 59 personnel career department, provides fire, rescue, and first responder services to the unincorporated area of West Ashley in Charleston County, South Carolina. Through a commitment of automatic aid, we assist the fire departments of North Charleston, St. John's, James Island and City of Charleston in meeting their missions on a daily basis.

The operational staff is divided into a ladder company, rescue company, and three engine companies operating out of four fire stations. Each company is staffed with a minimum of three members on a daily basis under the direction of a Battalion Chief.