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Liberty Announces New Fire Chief

LIBERTY, Mo. – The Liberty City Council unanimously approved the appointment of Christopher Young as Liberty’s next Fire Chief at its meeting on Monday, October 28.

Young, who has worked for the Liberty Fire Department since 2007, has held various progressively responsible roles within the department. Most recently, as the Support Services Assistant Chief, he has maintained the Department’s fleet of vehicles, worked on the budget, kept the supply of personal protective equipment and bunker gear, managed payroll and more.

In addition to his experience in the fire service, Young earned a bachelor’s degree in Organizational Leadership from MidAmerica Nazarene University and holds a Paramedic Certificate from Metropolitan Community College. He maintains current licenses as a Missouri Paramedic, Fire Instructor 2 and Fire Officer. In addition to his role within the department, he is involved in a variety of professional organizations including Secretary and Treasurer of the Northland Fire Chiefs, Mine Rescue Team, Peer Fitness Trainer, Peer Counselor and Adjunct Professor and Evaluator at the Blue River Fire Academy.

“We strive to make the City of Liberty a place where people want to spend their entire career and to provide opportunities for growth,” said Liberty’s City Administrator, Curt Wenson. “I have gotten to know Chief Young over the last several years in his role as Support Services Assistant Chief and am proud to have him as a representative of our community. I look forward to seeing how he makes the role of Fire Chief his own and helps the City of Liberty continue to grow and succeed in the future.

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Fire Chief John Mills announced his December 2024 retirement in October 2023 and spent the last year mentoring Chief Young. The City of Liberty completed a full applicant search and multi-phased interview process for this role, opening the recruitment process to applicants outside the organization. Young was ultimately unanimously selected by the interview committee which consisted of representatives from City Council, City leadership, Fire Department, Human Resources and Chiefs from other Fire Departments.

“Chief Mills cares deeply about the Liberty Fire Department, this community, our organization and the services we deliver,” said Wenson. “I appreciate the leadership, council and dedication that he has shared over his 23-year career with the City of Liberty.”

Chief Young will work with Chief Mills in a transition period through the end of the year and take over full Fire Chief duties on January 1.

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About the City of Liberty: The City of Liberty is a growing community of more than 30,000 residents located northeast of downtown Kansas City. Liberty covers 29 square miles and offers an excellent school system, a nationally recognized college, a historic downtown business district, several historic neighborhoods, cultural experiences, arts, abundant parks and recreational opportunities and safe neighborhoods. The City of Liberty has been recognized as:

- one of the "Best Places to Live" by *Money Magazine*.
- one of the "Best Places to Raise a Family" by *Family Circle Magazine*
- one of the "Best Places to Retire" by *Money Magazine*.