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Matthew Bushnell Promoted to Second Assistant Fire Chief

New Braunfels, Texas –The City of New Braunfels Fire Department announces the promotion of Matthew Bushnell as the City’s Second Assistant Fire Chief.

Bushnell was formerly a Captain in the New Braunfels Fire Department and is a 24-year fire service veteran. He has been with the City of New Braunfels Fire Department for fifteen years and has served in both the Operations and Support Services Divisions. Bushnell will serve in a dual role of Assistant Chief and Fire Marshal, indicating the department’s emphasis on development and fire safety.

Bushnell began his career in 1997 with the Shavano Park Fire Department, and worked for the Seguin Fire Department, before moving to the New Braunfels Fire Department in 2005. Matthew has been a licensed peace officer with the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement for 20 years, and holds Master Firefighter, Master Arson Investigator, and Master Fire Inspector certifications with the Texas Commission on Fire Protection.

“I’m excited about Matthew’s new role in the department and the strengths he brings to the table,” said Fire Chief Patrick O’Connell. “Matthew is uniquely qualified and prepared for his new role and he will join me and Assistant Chief Michael Wehman in leading the talented and dedicated men and women of the New Braunfels Fire Department in serving our community.”

Bushnell began his duties as Assistant Fire Chief/Fire Marshal on March 2, 2020.

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