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Press Release

City Announces New Fire Department Promotion

Fire Captain Ed Haupt promoted to Battalion Chief

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The City of Downey is pleased to announce the promotion of Fire Captain Ed Haupt to Battalion Chief. Chief Haupt's primary responsibility will be to the "C" Platoon, Training Division. The Battalion Chief position is one of three that are assigned to the Suppression Division of the Fire Department. The position is responsible for an entire shift of 20 firefighting personnel. "The City of Downey is fortunate to have such a dedicated group of Fire Department personnel and I congratulate Mr. Haupt on his promotion. The many years of knowledge and expertise that Mr. Haupt brings to his new position is sure to be an asset to the department," praised Mayor Luis Marquez.

The Battalion Chief has administrative duties and also assumes the Incident Commander role when responding to emergencies. Mayor Pro Tem Roger Brossmer commented, "I wish to congratulate Mr. Haupt on his promotion and I am confident that his leadership in this new position will continue to enhance the department's valuable services. We are fortunate to have our own Police and Fire departments and even more so, to have such a committed group of people working to keep our community safe."

Administratively, Chief Haupt will be responsible for the Operations Division, coordinating the many facets of the required training curriculum for all disciplines, including firefighting, urban search and rescue, terrorism and hazardous materials response.

"Chief Haupt has been a proven leader for the City of Downey for 25 years. I am confident that his depth of experience, values, strong commitment along with his leadership will prove to be a tremendous asset at the Battalion Chief level," stated Fire Chief Donald Croom. Chief Haupt will officially assume his new position on February 20, 2011.

In addition to the promotion of Chief Haupt, Firefighter Dan Hurlock has been promoted to Captain and will be taking on Chief Haupt's former responsibilities in that position.

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