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**New Braunfels Fire Department Assistant Chief Selected**

**New Braunfels, TX** – The City of New Braunfels Fire Department is proud to announce that Michael Wehman, a 28-year fire service veteran and current New Braunfels Fire Department Battalion Chief, has been appointed as the next Assistant Fire Chief.

The appointment of Wehman follows the September 2019 promotion of Patrick O'Connell as Fire Chief, who previously served as Assistant Chief. Wehman began his career in 1991 with the Universal City Fire Department, before moving to the New Braunfels Fire Department in 1997, where he has served in every position in the department, from firefighter to battalion chief.

“We had several excellent internal candidates for the position, and Mike Wehman ultimately stood out to the interview panel for his years of experience in the department, professionalism, and strong leadership qualities. Mike is highly respected throughout the department,” said Fire Chief Patrick O'Connell. “This will be a seamless transition and I look forward to the work Mike and I will do to move the department forward.”

Wehman began his duties as the Assistant Fire Chief on December 9, 2019.

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