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North Metro Fire Board Selects Deputy Chief Mark Daugherty to Serve as Next Fire Chief Beginning July 31

Northglenn/Broomfield, CO – North Metro Fire's board of directors have selected North Metro Fire Deputy Chief of Operations Mark Daugherty to succeed current Fire Chief David Ramos, following Ramos' retirement in July. The board voted to extend a conditional offer to Daugherty at the April 15 board meeting, and following an additional review process, Daugherty was confirmed as the district's fire chief successor on April 25. The selection and confirmation followed a nationwide search and thorough evaluation process involving employees, governmental partners and community members.

“As a board, we were drawn to Chief Daugherty's commitment to innovation, operational excellence, and community engagement,” said North Metro Fire's Board President Richard Miller. “We are confident he will build upon the strong foundation established by Chief Ramos and continue to position North Metro Fire as a premier emergency services provider not just in our region, but across the state and beyond.”

Daugherty is a Colorado native who joined North Metro Fire in 2011 after serving as a firefighter and paramedic in San Diego County, California, and later for Denver Health. Daugherty's passion for the fire service and emergency medical services (EMS) led him on a career path that would further elevate North Metro Fire's EMS Division. Daugherty progressed through the ranks before eventually being named as North Metro Fire's first Division Chief of EMS. During his tenure leading the EMS Division, North Metro Fire grew to become a regional leader in prehospital care. His leadership also played a pivotal role during the Marshall Fire of 2021, when Daugherty oversaw the large-scale evacuation and transportation of critical patients at Avista Hospital and Good Samaritan Hospital.

In his current position as deputy chief of operations, Daugherty oversees all emergency services operations, firefighter training and special teams. Additionally, Daugherty currently serves as a board member on Mile High Regional Emergency Medical and Trauma Advisory Council, the E911 Authority Board, and as a subcommittee chair of the Denver Metro Fire Chiefs Association.

Daugherty will take over as North Metro Fire's seventh professional fire chief appointed to lead the fire district. His official swearing in and start date as fire chief will be July 31, 2025.