



Lancaster Fire Department

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Lancaster Names Lone Finalist For Fire Chief

Kenneth L. Johnson has been named the Lone Finalist for the position of Fire Chief.

In December 2017, the City of Lancaster launched a formal search for the next Fire Chief and received over 41 applicants from 15 states. City Manager Opal Mauldin-Jones implemented a rigorous internal review process which included the current Interim Fire Chief, Police Chief, a representative from the Fire Fighters Association, Human Resources, a retired Fire Chief and an active Fire Chief from an outside community. During the process, the City Manager utilized a panel, questionnaires, interviews, detailed reference and background reviews before narrowing down the applicants and naming Mr. Kenneth L. Johnson as the lone finalist.

“I am excited about the opportunity and I look forward to working hard to exceed the expectations of the City of Lancaster,” Mr. Kenneth L. Johnson.

Mr. Johnson has over thirty two years of experience in the fire service and currently serves as the Assistant Chief of Operations for Missouri City Fire and Rescue in Missouri City, Texas. Before serving in Missouri City, he dedicated thirty-one years to the city of Dallas promoting through the ranks to the executive appointed position of Deputy Chief.

“I knew the kind of leader I was seeking and throughout each phase of the process, Kenneth Johnson demonstrated that his extensive background, commitment and passion for service would be a good fit for our community,” Lancaster City Manager Opal Mauldin-Jones.

Lancaster is a Texas Local Government Code Chapter 143 Organization which requires City Council confirmation of the City Manager’s appointment. Council will consider confirmation of the City Manager’s appointment at the regular meeting, March 26, 2018 at 7:00 P.M. A reception will follow immediately after at the Community House, 100 N. Henry St. Lancaster, TX 75146.

