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## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE (August 30, 2023):

## BRAD ROBINSON PROMOTED TO TUPELO FIRE CHIEF

TUPELO, Mississippi—Brad Robinson, a 24-year veteran of the Tupelo Fire Department, has been selected by Mayor Todd Jordan to be the next Fire Chief, pending approval by the Tupelo City Council. Robinson's appointment will be discussed and voted on during the City Council's Sept. 5 meeting.

"As I said when we promoted him to interim chief, we are excited to have Brad Robinson lead the Tupelo Fire Department," Mayor Jordan said. "Brad is well-qualified for the job, knows the Tupelo Fire Department inside and out and will do a great job."

Robinson, who formerly served as Deputy Chief of Operations, has served the past two months as interim chief of the department. He replaces Kelly Elliott, who left in late June to take over as Executive Director of the Mississippi State Fire Academy.

"I am very excited for this opportunity," Robinson said. "It's an incredible honor to be chosen to lead this department, where I've spent the last 24 years. I am looking forward to the challenges and opportunities that are ahead."

Robinson has more than 23 years of experience with the Tupelo Fire Department. He joined the Tupelo Fire Department in 1999 and moved up the ranks during his tenure. He was promoted to Captain in 2008 and had served as Deputy Chief of Operations since October 2022.

Robinson assists the Incident Management Team for the Mississippi Task Force as rescue team manager and is also team leader for the Tupelo Fire Department's water rescue team.

A graduate of South Pontotoc High School, he is married to Morgan Robinson and has three children.