

Hall County Hires Deputy Fire Chief

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Hall County Fire Chief David Kimbrell announced Tuesday that he has hired Jeff Hood as Hall County Fire Services' new Deputy Fire Chief.

Hood began his career with Clayton County Fire and Emergency Services in 1978 and remained with that department until his retirement in 2013. During that time, Hood became state-certified as a firefighter, paramedic, Level II Paramedic instructor and Georgia-certified Emergency Manager. He was also named Clayton County's Fire Chief and Emergency Management Agency Director in 2011. In addition, Hood was appointed by the State Homeland Security Director to represent the Georgia Association of Fire Chiefs on the State Homeland Security Task Force in 2013.

"We are extremely fortunate to find someone with Jeff's experience and knowledge to fill this position," Kimbrell said. "He has functioned in this capacity before and will be able to come in and hit the ground running."

As Deputy Fire Chief, Hood will be responsible for managing the day-to-day operations of the department, including managing the department's emergency vehicle fleet and its administrative functions.

"Jeff will fill a much-needed role in the department," Kimbrell said. "We feel confident that his presence will enhance the level of public safety for the citizens of Hall County."

Hood and his wife Suzanne reside in Hall County. They have two grown sons and three grandchildren.

"I'm excited to be able to serve the community in which I live," Hood said. "There is no career more rewarding than one in fire services, and I'm honored to be able to continue serving in this role."

Hood began his new duties on Jan. 27.