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City of Brentwood Announces New Fire Chief

Brentwood, Missouri – Feb. 22, 2021 – The City of Brentwood announces the appointment of **Ronnie Cottrell** as the new Chief of the Brentwood Fire Department. Cottrell most recently served as Brentwood’s Assistant Fire Chief. He succeeds Chief Terry Kurten, who will retire on March 5 after nearly 10 years of service to Brentwood and nearly 40 years in the fire service.

Mayor David Dimmitt appointed Cottrell as Brentwood Fire Chief effective February 22.

Chief Cottrell is a 21-year veteran of the Brentwood Fire Department. During his tenure, he has served as Firefighter/Paramedic, Captain and Assistant Fire Chief. He became a paramedic in 1995 while serving his home community of Sullivan, Mo. After graduating from the St. Louis County Fire Academy in 1997, he joined the Ladue Fire Department as a firefighter prior to joining the Brentwood Fire Department.

Cottrell earned a Bachelor of Arts in Management from Webster University and an Associate of Applied Science in Fire Technology from East Central College. He is a graduate of the Missouri Fire Service Leadership Enhancement Program at the University of Missouri. Cottrell is part of a cohort in the highly competitive Fire Service Executive Development Institute sponsored by the International Association of Fire Chiefs.

Chief Cottrell’s experience as Assistant Chief includes the daily operations of department personnel, equipment planning and purchasing, and coordinating the department’s most recent Insurance Service Office (ISO) audit. Cottrell is involved regionally as an Assistant Mutual Aid Coordinator for Region C, Point of Contact for the East Region of the St. Louis County Special Operations Team, and a member of the Missouri Region C Incident Support Team. Cottrell has also served on several community service boards, including a Federally Qualified Health Center Board of Directors.

Cottrell resides in Eureka, Mo., with his wife Andrea. They have three adult children, Kayla, Amanda and Lucas.

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