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Citizens of Anniston, Anniston Fire Department Chief Chris Collins' last official day of duty will be October 8, 2020. Therefore, on behalf of the City of Anniston, we would like to say thank you to Chief Collins for his many years of service, sacrifice, and leadership.

The purpose of this press release is to apprise our community of the selection process that has been chosen for his replacement. In accordance with Civil Service Rules, the required test for qualified Fire Assistant Chiefs was administered on September 16, 2020. We have received the Certification and Appointment sheet annotating the top three (3) candidates in order of their test scores, as prescribed in the Civil Services Rules.

To ensure that we make a well informed and fair selection, in addition to a formal interview, each candidate will also have the opportunity to serve as Interim Fire Chief for a period of fifteen (15) days. Below are the three (3) candidates and the time frames which they will be observed:

Assistant Chief Jeff Waldrep: October 9th – October 24th

Assistant Chief Eric Arnold: October 24th – November 8th

Assistant Chief Katherine Meherg: November 8th – November 23rd

Through this process, it is our intent to select the Anniston Fire Department's next Fire Chief prior to November 27, 2020.

**AFD Chief
Selection Process**