

Interim Fire Chief Selected

Left: Outgoing Atchison Fire Chief Mike McDermed Right: Incoming Interim Atchison Fire Chief Ted Graf

(KAIR)--An Interim Fire Chief has been selected for the City of Atchison.

That comes as long time Fire Chief Mike McDermed prepares to step down, retiring on July 17th.

According to a press release from City Manager Trey Cocking, Ted Graf will fill the role beginning June 18th. He was selected as Interim Fire Chief following an interview process with the City Manager, the Assistant City Manager, the Fire Chief and the Police Chief. Graf also filled that role earlier this year during a lengthy leave of absence by McDermed.

Graf, in the release, says “there is no way to fill Chief McDermed's shoes,” but says he is looking forward to assuming the role of leadership.

Graf will serve in the interim position until a permanent Chief is selected. City staff, this fall, will conduct a search for a full-time replacement, with both internal and external candidates, eligible to apply.

Following a planned interview conference in October, the City hopes to announce the new Chief in early November.

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