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### **Lawrence-Douglas County Fire Medical Chief Announces Departure, Celebrating Departmental Achievements**

Lawrence, KS – The City of Lawrence today announced that Fire Chief Richard Llewellyn will be stepping down from his role as Chief of Lawrence-Douglas County Fire Medical (LDCFM). During his tenure, Chief Llewellyn's leadership has guided the department to achieve significant milestones in service, innovation, and professionalism that have strengthened public safety for the residents of Lawrence and Douglas County.

Chief Llewellyn's time with LDCFM was marked by an unwavering dedication to a mission-driven, values-guided approach to fire and medical services. Under his leadership, LDCFM initiated a comprehensive rebranding to emphasize the strong partnership between the City of Lawrence and Douglas County, while highlighting the department's role in the community's safety and well-being. Recognizing the importance of regional collaboration, he also coordinated the signing of LDCFM's first new mutual aid agreements with regional fire service agencies since 1998, enhancing cooperation across jurisdictions for emergency responses.

In an effort to advance LDCFM's focus on professional development, Chief Llewellyn introduced a professional portfolio requirement to support the career journeys of future leaders within the department. Additionally, he championed the implementation of the Mobile Integrated Health program, designed to deliver right-sized medical responses tailored to community needs and to alleviate demand on the 911 and hospital systems.

"Chief Llewellyn's dedication to enhancing Lawrence-Douglas County Fire Medical has left a lasting legacy of community-focused service," said City Manager Craig Owens. "We were fortunate to have Chief Llewellyn's leadership and guidance, and we wish him all the best as he continues to serve."

Chief Llewellyn brought to LDCFM a 26-year career in fire service, including extensive experience in Washington State, where he led critical efforts like the Snohomish County COVID-19 response and advanced data-driven approaches to tackle opiate usage patterns. He holds master's degrees from Eastern Washington University and Harvard University and is a graduate of the National Fire Academy's Executive Fire Officer Program and the International Association of Fire Chiefs Fire Service Executive Development Institute.

The City of Lawrence and Douglas County extend their gratitude to Chief Llewellyn for his exemplary service. His final day will be Friday, December 6. Details regarding his next steps will be shared when appropriate.

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