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City of Brawley Appoints Fire Chief Michael L. York

BRAWLEY, CALIFORNIA – The City of Brawley announces the appointment of Michael “Mike” Lee York as its next Fire Chief. Fire Chief York has served as the Interim Fire Chief since April 2019.

An Imperial Valley native, Chief York has served in the fire service for approximately 20 years. He began his career in 2000 as a Volunteer Firefighter with the City of Holtville and later joined the County of Imperial as a Firefighter/Mechanic. The City of Brawley secured his talent as a Full-time Firefighter in September of 2001. Chief York’s work performance and professionalism led to his promotion to Fire Lieutenant in August of 2007 and Fire Captain in December of 2010.

Chief York earned a Bachelor of Science in Fire Administration in November of 2015 from Columbia Southern University. He achieved a Fire Officer Certificate from the California State Fire Marshal’s Office in December 2012 and an Advanced Incident Command System Certificate in March 2014.

During Chief York’s tenure as an interim department head, the City of Brawley initiated its early response to the COVID-19 pandemic and experienced a major river bottom fire event. Mayor Norma Kastner-Jauregui stated “Fire Chief York is a proven leader in the Brawley Fire Department who understands the importance of interagency collaboration. The Brawley City Council is pleased to announce the hiring of such a dedicated and committed individual.”

Reflecting on the opportunity, Chief York stated, "I am deeply honored to be appointed to the position of Fire Chief for the City of Brawley. I am grateful for the opportunity to lead this agency, and to be part of the Brawley Fire Department's history of over 100 years of providing excellent service to our community."

Fire Chief Mike York resides in the City of Brawley with his wife, d’Andre, a Registered Nurse at Pioneers Memorial Hospital. They have two children.



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