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## Antonio Burden to be sworn in as City of Augusta's Fire Chief

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**AUGUSTA, Ga., (July 12, 2021)** – The [City of Augusta](http://www.augustaga.gov) will officially welcome its new Fire Chief/EMA Director Antonio Burden during a swearing-in ceremony set for Tuesday, July 13, at 9:30 a.m. in the Commission Chambers of the Municipal Building, located at 535 Telfair St.

Chief Burden will become the 18th full-time Fire Chief in the Department's 135-year history.

Chief Burden comes to Augusta from the DeKalb County Fire Department. There he was the Deputy Chief of Professional Services & Community Risk Reduction. In all, Chief Burden has 30 years of professional firefighting experience that stems from his time in the Marine Corps and DeKalb County.

With DeKalb County, Chief Burden rose the ranks and earned multiple certifications. He was appointed the Fire Marshal in 2012 and became Chief of Staff in 2016. He recently graduated Magna Cum Laude from Columbia Southern University with a bachelor's degree in Business. He is also a member of the International Association of Fire Chiefs' Terrorism and Homeland Security Committee.

"This is a momentous occasion as we welcome in the new Fire Chief," said Mayor Hardie Davis Jr. "We're excited Chief Burden has accepted this responsibility to lead our ISO #1 ranked Department and the men and women who make it successful. I'm sure the Department will achieve new heights under his direction."

The ceremony will be streamed live on the Fire Department's Facebook page. For more information about this event, contact Danielle Harris at 706-564-3460.

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