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Lopez Appoint Interim Fire Chief for Winters Fire

The City of Winters has appointed Brad Lopez as the Interim Fire Chief for a 4 month period which began on January 1, 2018. Lopez has served the Winters Fire Department for almost 25 years as a cadet, Volunteer, Firefighter and his most recent position as Captain.

Interim Chief Lopez, along with Captains Art Mendoza and Matt Scheckla will be participating in a year long professional development program where each will rotate as Interim Fire Chief. The program consists of each person assuming the full role of Fire Chief for four (4) months, representing the City within the region, managing the operations of Winters Fire and completing both individual and group projects to benefit the Department.

“The Interim Chief program is the next step in moving Winters Fire into the future” said John W. Donlevy, Jr. , City Manager. “The City gained a tremendous amount from our six (6) year contract with the City of Dixon for Fire Administrative Services, but it is just time for command of the organization to move back within the Winters Fire organization in order for us to move forward”. “I have full confidence that the Captains can provide the leadership to our entire Fire team and that we will eventually be able to select a permanent Chief after the year long program”.

“Winters Fire is an incredible organization and its history of volunteers and the connection with the Winters community is an essential piece of making our town the way it is”. “For more than 100 years, Winters volunteers and paid staff have provided lifesaving services to our residents”. Winters Fire is a pride organization and as we strategically position the Department for the future, we will utilize our long term staff to lead the way”.

Attached is a copy of the entire Interim Fire Chief Program.

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