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## **New Fire Chief Chosen for North Metro Fire Rescue District**

**Broomfield/Northglenn, CO** – The Board of Directors for North Metro Fire Rescue District has named Deputy Chief David Ramos as the new Fire Chief for the District. The Board voted unanimously to appoint Ramos at the District's Board meeting last night and will swear in the new chief at a ceremony on February 18.

A Colorado native and longtime firefighter, Ramos has been with North Metro Fire for close to 30 years and has advanced through the ranks during his tenure. In 2009, after a national search involving hundreds of applicants, Ramos was selected from more than 70 candidates to be the District's Deputy Fire Chief. In November, he was appointed as Acting Fire Chief to lead the District when former Fire Chief Joseph Bruce resigned.

"As a Board, we think Chief Ramos has done a great job as Acting Fire Chief over the past few months and are confident in his ability to lead North Metro in its next chapter," said Robert Nielsen, North Metro's Board President and Broomfield resident. "The letters of support we received from senior officers, administrative staff and firefighters on the line only further added to that confidence."

Ramos has lived in the northern Denver area his entire life, graduating with a bachelor's degree in Business Administration from Metropolitan State College of Denver. He joined North Metro Fire in 1984 as a firefighter, following the footsteps of his brother who serves as battalion chief for a neighboring fire department.

"I'm very passionate about this place and this community I've lived in for so long," said Ramos after being appointed Fire Chief. "I am very grateful to the Board for the opportunity to lead a group of men and women whose tremendous talents and commitment make this organization extraordinary."

"I feel that Chief Ramos is highly qualified for the position, and I respect the moral compass with which he leads the District. He has already shown us that he will make an excellent chief for the District," said Tim Long, board member and Northglenn resident.

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## North Metro Fire Rescue District

North Metro Fire Rescue District is dedicated to providing quality service to its residents. North Metro Fire Rescue provides fire protection, emergency medical services, hazardous materials response and rescue services to our community. Formed in 1946, the district now covers 63 square miles with a population of approximately 103,000 people including the City and County of Broomfield, the City of Northglenn and unincorporated areas of Boulder, Adams and Jefferson Counties.