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City of Cincinnati Opens Search for Next Fire Chief

July 1, 2010-- Today, the City of Cincinnati has begun the search for the next fire chief of the Cincinnati Fire Department. Current Fire Chief Robert Wright will be retiring by Jan 15, 2011, after more than 30 years of service.

The City has begun a national search to ensure enough time to find the right person for the job and allow for the leadership transition.

The job description has been posted on the city's website at [City of Cincinnati - City of Cincinnati Fire Chief Recruiting \(http://www.cincinnati-oh.gov/cityhr/pages/-39542-/\)](http://www.cincinnati-oh.gov/cityhr/pages/-39542-/) and seeks to find a man or woman who is "a progressive thinking, customer service oriented professional." Further, the candidate profile calls for someone who is a skilled financial manager, given the city's budgetary constraints; a strategic thinker with a vision for the future; and is a problem-solver. He or She will lead a department with an annual operating budget of nearly \$68 million and more than 800 firefighters.

"I thank Chief Wright for his years of service and look forward to hiring a man or woman who can build upon his legacy," said City Manager Milton Dohoney, Jr.

While the priority deadline for applications is August 15, the position will remain open until filled.

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