



UNIFIED FIRE AUTHORITY

MEMORANDUM

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February 10, 2026

TO: All Personnel

FROM: Assistant Chief Dern

SUBJECT: UT-TF1 Program Manager Selection

I'm pleased to announce the selection of Chief Embret Fossum as the new UT-TF1 Program Manager, following interviews conducted yesterday.

Chief Fossum brings a proven and well-rounded record of leadership and experience in the USAR system, with demonstrated involvement and credibility at both the local and national levels. His depth of operational knowledge, commitment to the program, and understanding of the federal USAR system will serve UT-TF1 well moving forward.

Chief Fossum will officially begin his role as Program Manager on February 16, 2026. We look forward to his leadership and continued advancement of the task force.

I also want to sincerely thank the other candidates who participated in this process. Each represented themselves professionally and thoughtfully, and the quality of candidates made this a strong and competitive selection process. Your interest in serving the task force at this level is appreciated.

Please join me in congratulating Chief Fossum as he steps into this important role.