

## **MEDIA ADVISORY**

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## LANCASTER FIRE CHIEF ANNOUNCES RETIREMENT

**Lancaster**, **TX** – Lancaster Fire Chief Thomas Griffith has announced his intention to retire in May 2016 after 30 years with the Lancaster Fire Department.

Griffith began his service to the citizens of Lancaster in 1985 and has the distinction of being Lancaster's first Paramedic. He started his fire service career as a volunteer firefighter, and then moved through every rank of the Lancaster Fire Department officially taking over as Chief of the Department in 2011.

Griffith expressed his appreciation and gratitude to the Mayor, City Council, and City Manager for the honor to serve the Citizens of Lancaster. He said that the City of Lancaster has been a wonderful place to work and the community has always supported his efforts in public safety. "Lancaster has a professional and committed work force that has been a dream to work with, I will miss them dearly" he said.

Chief Griffith's announcement is intended to provide the City with adequate lead time for transition to the new Chief. Chris Hartung Consulting is assisting in the search.

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