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Status of Waco Fire Chief Search

Following the announcement of the retirement of Waco's Fire Chief, Bobby Tatum, Jr., the City of Waco engaged the national search firm Strategic Government Resources (SGR) to find eligible candidates for the city to select its next chief. 46 well qualified candidates applied and the applicant pool has been narrowed to five individuals.

During the application process the City has respected the privacy of individuals who submitted their names for consideration and as of today we have received permission from each candidate to allow the release of their names. The following candidates will be in Waco next week for personal interviews by City Staff:

- **Juan J. Adame – 25 Year Veteran of Fire Services – Sugarland, TX. Fire Chief 2009-2019; Austin, TX. Fire Chief 2006-2008; Corpus Christi Fire Chief 1988-2006**
- **Thomas R. Beasley – 27 Year Veteran of Fire Services – Division Chief of Training, Memphis, TN. 2016-Present**
- **Jonathan McMahan – 15 Year Veteran of Fire Services – College Station, TX. Fire Chief 2017-2020**
- **Richard A. Potter – 29 Year Veteran of Fire Services – Deputy Chief Pueblo Fire 2019-Present, Acting Fire Chief Pueblo, CO. 2016-2019**
- **Gregory L. Summers – 34 Year Veteran of Fire Services – Fire Chief Little Rock Arkansas 2009-2018**

Following these initial interviews the City expects to have one or more finalists to select from to become its next Chief.

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