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## Chief of Fire & EMS Announces Retirement

**DINWIDDIE, VA** – Dennis E. Hale, Chief of Fire & EMS for Dinwiddie County has announced that after nearly 20 years with the County, he will retire effective July 1, 2024.

Chief Hale is a graduate of Dinwiddie County High School and Longwood College (University). The first four years of his career were spent teaching Math and Physics at Colonial Heights High School. In 1995, he was hired as a firefighter for Chesterfield County. In 2004, Dennis returned home to Dinwiddie to become the Division Chief of Public Safety, and later was named the first-ever, Chief of Fire & EMS for Dinwiddie County.

County Administrator, W. Kevin Massengill shared, “It has been an honor to work alongside Chief Hale for the past 19 years. His exceptional leadership of Fire & EMS has led to significantly enhanced emergency response capabilities, and a stronger system overall.” William “Bill” Chavis, Chairman of the Board of Supervisors added, “Chief Hale has been instrumental in numerous advancements in the County’s Fire & EMS system, including the transition from a fully volunteer system, to one that includes paid firefighters and EMTs. We are grateful for his dedication and service and wish him all the best in retirement.”

Recruitment efforts for the position are underway. Interested parties are encouraged to visit the Dinwiddie County website ([www.dinwiddieva.us/jobs](http://www.dinwiddieva.us/jobs)) to learn more about the Chief of Fire & EMS as well as other employment opportunities currently available with Dinwiddie County.

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