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Eagle River Names New Fire Chief

Avon, CO – The Eagle River Fire District's Board of Directors formally appointed Karl Bauer to the position of General Manager and Fire Chief today. Chief Bauer will officially take the position January 1, 2012, succeeding Charlie Moore, who resigned last month.

"We are completely confident in our decision to promote Chief Bauer. His experience speaks for itself," said Ed O'Brien, Chairman of the Eagle River Fire Protection District Board. "We look forward to the leadership and management skills he will provide to the fire district as we work to restructure in this difficult economy."

Chief Bauer added, "I am genuinely appreciative of the confidence placed in me by the Board and I will work daily to maintain that level of trust."

Karl Bauer has been working as a public servant for 32 years. He started his career in law enforcement in 1979 as a police officer in El Cajon, California and later as a sheriff's deputy in San Diego County until the late 80's. Following his time in law enforcement, he joined the fire service as a firefighter in rural San Diego County.

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Karl moved to Colorado in 2004 where he served as Leadville's Fire Chief. He joined the Eagle River District in 2007 as Deputy Chief of Administration and Training before being promoted to Assistant Chief in April 2010.

Chief Bauer holds a Master's Degree in Executive Fire Service Leadership and is currently working on a doctorate in leadership and organizational development through Grand Canyon University. He earned his Executive Fire Officer Certificate through the National Fire Academy in 2004 and holds Chief Fire Officer Designation from the Center for Public Safety Excellence.

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The Eagle River Fire Protection District includes the area from Tennessee Pass to Wolcott and serves an area of 186 square miles which include the communities of Avon, Arrowhead, Bachelor Gulch, Beaver Creek, Cordillera, Eagle-Vail, Edwards, Minturn, Red Cliff, Singletree and Wolcott.

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