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TEMPLE TERRACE HIRES NEW ASSISTANT FIRE CHIEF

(TEMPLE TERRACE, FL. – 10/2/07) – Veteran South Florida firefighter Ian Kemp has been hired as assistant fire chief for the City of Temple Terrace. He began his new job Tuesday.

Kemp, 43, arrives from the Fort Lauderdale Fire Department, where he was a battalion chief.

“We are excited to have Assistant Chief Kemp on board,” said Temple Terrace Fire Chief Keith Chapman. “He has a great skill set that no doubt will assist our department as we continue to provide excellent service to the citizens of Temple Terrace.”

Kemp began his firefighting career in the City of Naples in 1991, going to work for Fort Lauderdale in 1993. He grew up in Miami, attending Miami South Ridge High School.

He earned a bachelor’s degree in economics from the University of South Florida in 1989 and worked briefly for IBM. Kemp said he lived in Temple Terrace while attending college, and even considered becoming a volunteer firefighter for the Temple Terrace Fire Department.

“I’ve always been familiar with Temple Terrace, and I always wanted to come back to this area,” he said.

Though he earned a college degree in economics, Kemp found himself drawn to firefighting, he said.

“I always had an interest in fire service,” he said. “I thought it was an exciting profession. And, you can make a positive impact on people’s lives.”

Apparently, it runs in the family. Kemp’s wife, Tamera, is a lieutenant with Tampa Fire Rescue. The couple has one son.

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