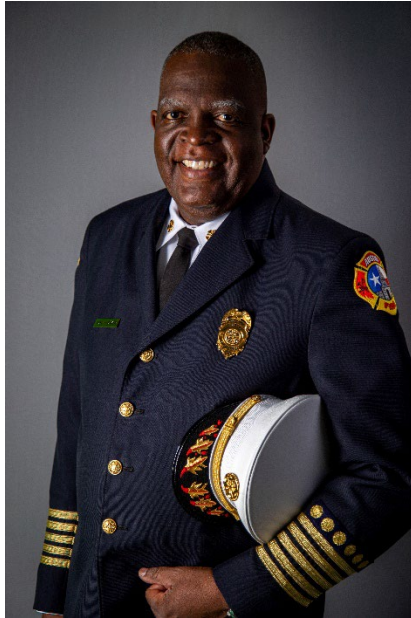




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Fire Chief Joel G. Baker, EFO, MPA



Appointed Fire Chief of the Austin Fire Department in December 2018, Atlanta native Joel G. Baker began his professional fire service career with the City of East Point Fire Department (Georgia) in 1986. In 1988, he joined the Atlanta Fire Rescue Department, rising through the ranks to Fire Chief, a rank he held until his retirement in February 2018 after 30 years of service.

Fire Chief Baker holds several degrees, including an Associate of Applied Sciences in Fire Science Technology, a Bachelor of Science in Human Resources & Policy Studies from the Andrew Young School of Policy Studies at Georgia State University, a Master of Public Administration (MPA) from Columbus State University, and is a graduate of Harvard's Senior Executive

Education in State and Local Government program. He is also a designated Executive Fire Officer (EFO) of the National Fire Academy in Emmitsburg, Maryland, a program designed to provide senior officers and others in key leadership roles with enhanced executive-level knowledge, skills, and abilities necessary to lead, conduct research, and engage in life-long learning.

Recognizing the importance of community service, Fire Chief Baker served in numerous organizations in Atlanta, including as Chairperson of the Atlanta Regional Commission/Atlanta Urban Area Security Initiative and as a Board Member to the State of Georgia's 9-1-1 Authority Advisory Board.

During his time in Austin, Chief Baker has joined several local organizations whose focus is grassroots community involvement: 100 Black Men of Austin, Inc., and the Gamma Eta Lambda Chapter of the Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. He also currently serves as the Third Vice President of the Texas Fire Chiefs' Association (TFCA).

Chief Baker's commitment to the fire service, the men and women under his command, and the communities he serves has garnered him numerous recognitions from various public and private organizations throughout his career.

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