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# **City of Clinton News Release**



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## **Solice to Step Aside as Chief**

After two years as Fire Chief in Clinton, Chief Todd Solice has announced that he wishes to resume his previous role as Deputy Fire Chief. Solice served as Deputy Chief for the Clinton Fire Department from 2001 until his promotion to Chief in September 2009. Current Deputy Chief Jamie Beasley is leaving the department on December 9 to pursue other interests. Solice submitted a letter to the City Manager requesting he be allowed to resign as Fire Chief and resume his former role as Deputy Chief upon Beasley's departure. "I appreciate the opportunity given to me and the support I have received while being Fire Chief," Solice stated. "I will continue to do my job to the best of my ability to serve and protect the citizens of Clinton." Solice said there are things he wants to do that being a Fire Chief has not afforded him the time to pursue. He enjoys the fire operations associated with the deputy position and believes that position will allow him to accomplish more in the department while providing him with time to do other things.

During Solice's tenure as Clinton Fire Chief, the department has made strides to improve service and professionalism. Solice helped develop and implement performance measures for the department and oversaw the development of new training standards, which included the creation of a training officer position.

For more information regarding this news release, please contact City Manager John Connet at 910-592-1961.