

## **February 8, 2011 - Glover names Crawford, Richardson and Anderson to new Posts**

Today Shreveport Mayor Cedric Glover announced that Brian Crawford will become the city's next Assistant Chief Administrative Officer. Crawford currently serves as Fire Chief for the city and will remain in that position and not assume the Assistant CAO role until a successor is named. That process, bound by Civil Service law, is expected to take about four months.

Glover also announced that Rod Richardson, former Managing Editor of The Times, and Burnadine Moss Anderson, longtime executive assistant to the superintendent for the Caddo School District, would join his staff. Richardson will serve as Director of Communications for the city with Anderson assuming the role of Chief Assistant to the Mayor. Both appointments are effective today.

In making the announcement Mayor Glover cited Crawford's creative and progressive leadership of the fire department, his management of a \$50 million operating budget and his extensive involvement in city initiatives such as the pending bond issue. "Brian has proven himself a strong and capable manager through his service as Chief," Glover said. "While I value his service in that capacity, he has accepted the challenge and opportunity to provide even greater service to this city in his new role."

The move is bittersweet for Crawford, 47, who has spent 27 years with fire department beginning in 1984 as a firefighter and rising through the ranks to become fire chief three years ago. "While obviously it will be an emotional moment to leave the fire department, they will always be part of my extended family and have a special place deep in my heart and soul – they are ultimately responsible for any success I may have achieved. I am both excited and humbled by the Mayor's confidence in my abilities to take a more active role in the overall management and leadership of the city and look forward to the opportunity to better serve the citizens of this great city in this new capacity", Crawford said.

Richardson, was Managing Editor for The Times from June 2004 to November 2010. Before returning to his hometown, he spent 15 years at The Associated Press in Dallas. There he directed news coverage of several major events, including the 51-day standoff between authorities and the Branch Davidians in Waco, Texas, and the mass shooting of 27 people at a Luby's Cafeteria in central Texas.

Anderson, a graduate of The Ohio State University, retired from Caddo schools in 2010 after working as an assistant to five superintendents during her 32 year-career. An active member of the community, Anderson also served as campaign coordinator for Mayor Glover's re-election. She is a past president of the National School Public Relations Association and an accredited member of that organization.