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## Hollywood Burbank Airport Appoints Lewis Pianka as Chief of Airport Fire Department

BURBANK, Calif., June 17, 2024 – After a decade of work as a firefighter and emergency management coordinator at BUR, Assistant Fire Chief Lewis Pianka has been promoted to Chief of the Hollywood Burbank Airport Fire Department.



**Chief Lewis Pianka**  
**Hollywood Burbank Airport Fire Dept.**

“Lewis Pianka has proven himself as an invaluable member of the Fire Department and TBI,” says Frank Miller, Executive Director of Hollywood Burbank Airport. “I am pleased he has accepted the position of Fire Chief and brings strong leadership skills to his new position.”

On top of his day-to-day duties as Assistant Fire Chief, Pianka is credited with designing the airport’s Emergency Operations Center, has served as the Terrorism Liaison Officer, and led the airport’s emergency preparedness initiatives.

Pianka came to Hollywood Burbank Airport in 2013 after nearly 20 years with the South Tucson Fire Department. His career there spanned from reserve firefighter to roles as an EMT, Engineer/Pump Operator, Captain, and eventually Battalion Chief.

“Chief Pianka has selflessly served this airport and will take the Fire Department to the next level,” says Ed Skvarna, Chief of Police and Director of Public Safety at BUR.

In his new role, Pianka oversees a crew of 19 firefighters, who provide aircraft rescue and firefighting (ARFF) and emergency medical services for Hollywood Burbank Airport.

The airport is owned and operated by the Burbank–Glendale–Pasadena Airport Authority (BGPAA). The BGPAA contracts with TBI Airport Management, Inc., to operate the airport and the airport’s fire department.



*Hollywood Burbank Airport (BUR) is owned and operated by the Burbank-Glendale-Pasadena Airport Authority, a joint powers agency created in 1977 between the Cities of Burbank, Glendale and Pasadena. More information can be found on the airport’s website, [www.HollywoodBurbankAirport.com](http://www.HollywoodBurbankAirport.com), and on the airport’s [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#) feeds.*