



Fire Department

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July 18,2024

To The Honorable  
The Board of Fire and Police Commissioners  
200 East Wells Street, Room 706  
Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53202

Dear Commissioners:

I respectfully nominate Battalion Chief Ronald L. Firnrohr Jr. to the rank of Deputy Chief. My reasons for recommending him for promotion are found below.

Battalion Chief Firnrohr has 32.5 years of service with the department. He was appointed as a Firefighter in March 1992, was promoted to Fire Lieutenant in January 2000, to Fire Captain in August 2009, and to Battalion Chief in March 2020.

He has earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Criminal Justice from the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee in 1995, and a Bachelor of Science degree in Fire Service Public Administration from Mount Senario College in 2001.

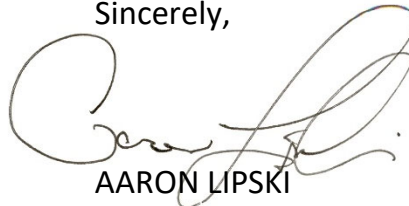
Battalion Chief Firnrohr had been an active member of the MFD Dive Rescue Team from 1993 up until his promotion to Battalion Chief. Under his leadership as the team director, he spearheaded work groups that wrote the MFD dive operations manual, and developed the dive recruit training curriculum. In that position as a Captain, he was also responsible for developing and managing a team budget to include equipment purchases, outside training, and equipment maintenance and repair. He was instrumental in starting the sonar operations unit, and subsequently coordinated sonar missions with external fire and law enforcement agencies under a unified command system.

Battalion Chief Firnrohr is the Chair of the Meritorious Service Awards Committee and leads a team which analyzes and evaluates nominations for heroic and unselfish acts of service. He organizes and manages the planning and presentation for the annual night of recognition.

Battalion Chief Firnrohr continues to demonstrate his ability to be a quality and engaged leader. He accepts responsibility freely, and has proven to be a reliable and experienced Chief. He is driven to new challenges, and encourages those he is supervising to seek out and accept new roles, responsibilities, and experiences.

I recommend Battalion Chief Ronald L. Firnrohr, Jr. for promotion to the position of Deputy Chief.

Sincerely,



AARON LIPSKI  
Chief

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