



Fire Department

February 23, 2023

**Aaron Lipski**  
Chief

**Joshua Parish**  
Assistant Chief  
**Sharon Purifoy-Smoots**  
Assistant Chief  
**De'Wayne Smoots**  
Assistant Chief

To the Honorable  
The Board of Fire and Police Commissioners  
200 East Wells Street, Room 705  
Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53202

Dear Commissioners:

I hereby promote and appoint, subject to your approval, contingent upon Finance and Personnel's approval, and successful completion of a drug screening,

Fire Captain Thomas J. Sells

to the position of BATTALION CHIEF, FIRE. The appointment is being made to fill an existing vacancy, and becomes effective March 5, 2023. In support of my nomination, Captain Sells' current résumé and personnel record are enclosed.

Before advancing this member's name, the member was put through an internal vetting process wherein the member's entire record was reviewed, including disciplines, open and closed investigations, administrative matters, fitness, and history with the Fire and Police Commission. I certify that this member is in good standing with the department and suitable for promotion consistent with my statutory duties pursuant to Wis. Stat. §§ 62.50 (9) and (23).

This appointment is submitted to your Board under the provision of your Rule XI, Section 12 as an exempt position.

Respectfully,

AARON LIPSKI  
Chief

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Enclosures  
F&P: 2/23/23 (Pollock)  
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Approved by the BOARD OF FIRE AND POLICE COMMISSIONERS

Date \_\_\_\_\_

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Executive Director

