



Fire Department

**Aaron Lipski**  
Chief

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Assistant Chief  
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Assistant Chief

September 14, 2023

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

Dear Commissioners:

I respectfully nominate Fire Captain Jeremy S. Starr to the rank of Battalion Chief. My reasons for recommending him for promotion are found below.

Fire Captain Starr has 14 years of service with the department. He was appointed as a Firefighter in November 2009, was promoted to Fire Lieutenant in September 2016, and to Fire Captain in March 2020.

Fire Captain Starr possesses a bachelor's degree in Fire and Emergency Management from University Wisconsin-Oshkosh, and an associate degree in Fire Science from MATC.

Since joining the department he has held all ranks on the Heavy Urban Rescue Team, to include the position of Director. As the Director, he was responsible for the development of team members, coordination of resources and personnel in regional responses, and financial management of team equipment. Fire Captain Starr has served in the role of Lead Cadet Instructor at the academy, instructing over 100 cadets. As the Lead Cadet Instructor, he developed and focused life leadership skills for the cadets, including critical thinking, problem solving, leadership communication, and community involvement.

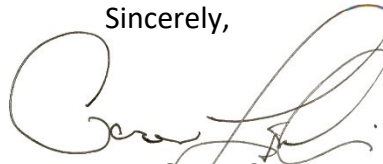
Throughout Fire Captain Starr's career he has made exemplary accomplishments receiving Fire and EMS Team Awards, a Class A Individual Fire Award, and a Community Service Award demonstrating his dedication to all those he serves. He has worked with our Junior Fire Institute, assisted with veteran assistance programs, and was a youth pastor for his church. He understands the importance of building the relationship between the community and the fire department.

I find Fire Captain Starr uniquely qualified for this promotion not only for his knowledge within the fire service, yet also from his 19 years of military service in the Marine Corps. He is an Iraqi

Combat Veteran, having led marines in high stress scenarios. He has served in joint-nation roles working with United States Ambassadors, and key leaders of Foreign Nations. These experiences and knowledge in inter/multi-jurisdictional communication and operations provides a critical skillset to the department; a skillset needed and appreciated to meet department challenges. The leadership he brings to the rank of Battalion Chief is only exemplified by his ability to adapt and overcome problems in both emergent and administrative situations.

I recommend Fire Captain Jeremy S. Starr for promotion to the position of Battalion Chief.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Aaron Lipski', written in a cursive style.

AARON LIPSKI  
Chief

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