



Fire Department

**Aaron Lipski**  
Chief

**Joshua Parish**  
Assistant Chief  
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Assistant Chief  
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Assistant Chief



April 30, 2026

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,

Vehicle Operations Instructor John T. Kowalski

to the position of VEHICLE OPERATIONS TRAINING COORDINATOR. The appointment is being made to fill an existing vacancy and becomes effective May 10, 2026. In support of my nomination of Vehicle Operations Instructor Kowalski, his current résumé, personnel record, and "Request for Promotion without Competitive Exam" form 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

AL/lm  
Enclosures  
F&P: 5/6/26  
FPC/Exempt/Kowalski VOTC

Approved by the BOARD OF FIRE AND POLICE COMMISSIONERS

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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Executive Director

