



Fire Department

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April 8, 2021

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

Dear Commissioners:

I respectfully nominate Fire Captain David R. Seager Jr. to the rank of Battalion Chief. My reasons for recommending him for promotion are found below.

Fire Captain Seager has 23 years of service with the department. He was appointed as a Firefighter in February 1998, was promoted to Fire Lieutenant in August 2009, and to Fire Captain in December 2015.

Fire Captain Seager attended Milwaukee Area Technical College, and earned a Fire Science Degree, graduating with honors. He continued to further his education by attending Mt. Senario College, earning a Bachelor's Degree in Public Administration for the fire service, again, graduating with honors. He has also successfully completed the Milwaukee Fire Department Professional Development Program (PDP). He has attended multiple conferences and seminars to further his education/fire service knowledge.

Fire Captain Seager deeply values education and the ability to bring what he has learned to other members of the department. He has led several firehouses in his capacity as Fire Captain, and held multiple company and battalion trainings specific to the first-in areas to which he has been detailed.

In regard to his leadership skills, he served as president of the Milwaukee Professional Firefighters for eight years. During such time, he was invited to be a keynote speaker at multiple national conferences showcasing the Milwaukee Fire Department as a fire service leader in Peer Support, Peer Fitness, and Active Shooter capacities. Fire Captain Seager has also served on the Milwaukee Fire Department's Safety Committee, Clothing Committee, as well as serving as Chairman of the Milwaukee Fire Department Strategic Planning Committee.

Fire Captain Seager's leadership ability can be directed toward the successful re-launch of the "MDA – Fill the Boot Campaign." He was also integrally involved in standing-up the "Coats for Kids Campaign," now "Operation Warm," which provided new coats for Milwaukee children in need. Captain Seager also led a campaign to raise resources to address the challenges of Infant Mortality working alongside then Health Commissioner, Bevin Baker and sitting Alderwoman Milele Coggs. Fire Captain Seager served as a founding member of the State of Wisconsin Public Safety Coalition. He was also appointed to a State of Wisconsin Legislative Study Committee to address the shortage of volunteer firefighters statewide.

Fire Captain Seager has proven that he has the qualities to be a Battalion Chief for the Milwaukee Fire Department. His education, leadership and mentoring abilities, as well as his organizational skills have all prepared him to be successful in the position, and as such I recommend Fire Captain David R. Seager Jr. for promotion to the position of Battalion Chief.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Aaron Lipski', with a large, stylized initial 'A'.

AARON LIPSKI
Acting Chief

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