



Fire Department

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September 14, 2023

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 Darin T. Peterburs to the rank of Deputy Chief. My reasons for recommending him for promotion are found below.

Battalion Chief Peterburs has 26 years of service with the department. He was appointed as a Fire Cadet in September 1997, Firefighter in February 1998, was promoted to Heavy Equipment Operator in June 2003, to Fire Lieutenant in June 2008, to Fire Captain in July 2018, and to Battalion Chief in August 2020.

Battalion Chief Peterburs attended Milwaukee Area Technical College, and earned an Associate Degree in Fire Science in 2004, graduating with honors, and completed the Milwaukee Fire Department Professional Development Program (PDP) in August 2017. In addition to his degree and MFD PDP certificate, he has also furthered his education through countless seminars and continuing education courses throughout his career.

He is a firm believer of teaching by example, and has demonstrated the ability to educate and mentor through multiple avenues. He has worked as a hazardous materials instructor in the private sector, as well as internally, at the Milwaukee Fire Academy, and through the MFD's Hazardous Materials Team. Throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, he became committed to finding new ways to educate the 80-member hazmat team, while remaining dedicated to the safety of all members. He secured personal protective equipment (PPE), helped to implement a firehouse decontamination program, scheduled members to fill positions to implement that program, and maintained fiscal responsibility.

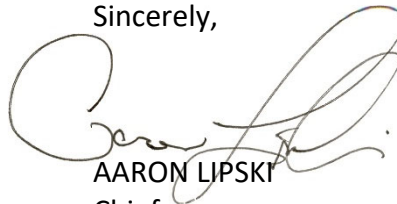
He was in integral part of the 2020 DNC planning including being a member of both the Consequence Management, and Fire, Life Safety, and Hazardous Material (FLSH) subcommittees. He assisted in writing the MFD FLSH operational plan, and assisted in procuring grant items for the DNC. He is currently assigned to RNC management.

Directly before being assigned to manage the RNC, he was tasked with assisting the three latest Assistant Chiefs of the Support Bureau. For two years, Battalion Chief Peterburs became an integral part in writing directives to department members, and investigating situations of department member misconduct, including creating formal documentation and internal charges related to same.

Battalion Chief Peterburs has proven that he has the qualities to be a Deputy Chief, a mentor, and a true leader by example. His management, wide-ranging duties assisting three Assistant Chiefs, his attention to detail, expert organizational skills, and common-sense approach to every task assigned have all prepared him to be successful in the position of Deputy Chief.

I recommend Battalion Chief Darin T. Peterburs for promotion to the position of Deputy Chief.

Sincerely,



AARON LIPSKI
Chief

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