



Fire Department

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January 13, 2022

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 Christopher J. Schutte to the rank of Battalion Chief. My reasons for recommending him for promotion are found below.

Fire Captain Schutte has 27 years of service with the department. He was appointed as a Firefighter in August 1994, was promoted to Fire Lieutenant in January 2001, and to Fire Captain in April 2012. During his 21 years in a leadership role, Captain Schutte has demonstrated the supervisory competence necessary to be a successful Battalion Chief. He leads by example and always strives to conduct himself in a fair, professional, and conscientious manner.

Fire Captain Schutte possesses an Associate's Degree in Fire Science, and through his wealth of leadership experience has gained a solid foundation of knowledge, skills, and abilities on which to build on as a Battalion Chief. Knowledge such as building construction and fire behavior. Skills like speaking professionally on camera, developing educational curriculums, classroom instruction, and the research and development of policies and procedures. Abilities such as remaining calm under fire, effective communication skills, excellent problem solving, as well as understanding and respecting different perspectives and points of view.

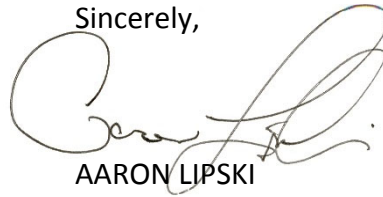
During his career Captain Schutte has gone above and beyond normal expectations. In years 2009 and 2010 he served as a Lead Instructor at our EMS/Training/Education Bureau. He is a member of our instructor staff teaching State Certified Company Officer I classes, and served as an adjunct instructor for department-wide hands-on in-service training sessions. He has been a member of our Peer Support Team for 16 years meeting important and fundamental needs of his brother and sister firefighters. He served on our Dive Rescue Team for 15 years, and between 2013 and 2017 he was the Captain/Director of team, developing budgets, policies, and SOGs as some of the duties involved with running the overall operations of the team. Even as a

firefighter he worked at our Survive Alive House teaching children fire safety, demonstrating that teaching and mentoring has been an integral part of his entire MFD career. This personality trait and skill to successfully train others to stay safe in uncertain and hazardous environments is a fundamental piece of the management position of a Battalion Chief.

On a personal note, Captain Schutte currently resides in the City of Milwaukee and has done so for the past 27 years; his children attending Milwaukee Public Schools. He lives across from a small County Park, and for the past 18 years has volunteered his time to help maintain the park grounds, trees, shrubs, plantings, and fishing pond. He believes in his community; he believes in giving back.

I recommend Fire Captain Christopher J. Schutte for promotion to the position of Battalion Chief.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Aaron Lipski', with a large, stylized flourish at the end.

AARON LIPSKI
Chief

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