



Fire Department

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April 29, 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 Battalion Chief Schuyler L. Belott to the rank of Deputy Chief. My reasons for recommending him for promotion are found below.

Battalion Chief Belott has 24 ½ years of service with the department. He was appointed as a Fire Cadet in September 1996, entered the Firefighter Class in February 1997, promoted to Fire Lieutenant in July 2007, to Fire Captain in March 2015, and to Battalion Chief in March 2018.

Battalion Chief Belott is an experienced firefighter, company officer, and chief officer with a unique perspective having served in both Milwaukee Fire Department (MFD) operations and support bureaus. His professional and personal accomplishments have prepared him for his next step of serving the citizens of Milwaukee as a Deputy Chief.

To develop as a fire service leader, he has attended national conferences and taken courses through the State of Wisconsin and the National Fire Academy which have included topics such as public education, fire investigation, incident command, fire dynamics, mediation, critical incident stress management, and data analysis. In addition he has completed the required MFD Professional Development courses to the highest level available.

As the MFD's Director of Community Relations for four years, Battalion Chief Belott managed all public education programs, press activities, and social media for the department, successfully interacting between command staff and local elected officials to highlight MFD achievements. These responsibilities included building and maintaining relationships between organizations to improve fire education and community outreach. In both the positions of Director of Community Relations and Director of the Fire Investigation Unit, Battalion Chief Belott was responsible for working alongside multiple organizations to achieve common goals, fostering interagency relationships to provide the best service possible for the citizens of Milwaukee. His ability to engage public and private entities will no doubt be a benefit as he assumes the responsibility of Deputy Chief.

From 2013 to 2016, on a more wide-reaching level, Battalion Chief Belott served on the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) Urban Fire & Life Safety Task Force working on projects designed to assist urban fire departments across the globe to implement strategic community risk reduction programs.

Fire Captain Belott's dedication is further evident by his volunteer commitments to serve on the following MFD committees and teams.

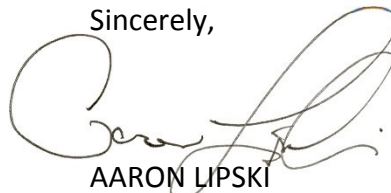
- City of Milwaukee CAD Project Core Team Member (2020 to present)
- Chair - Milwaukee Chief Officers' Association (2020-present)
- Meritorious Service Awards Committee (2014 to present)
- Peer Support Team (2014 to present)
- Mediation Team (2015 to present)
- Milwaukee DNC Subcommittee - Civil Disturbance (2019-2020)
- 9/11 Recognition Committee (2015 to 2019)
- Milwaukee Junior Fire Institute Advisor (2009 to 2018)
- Fire Investigation Unit (2012 to 2018)
- Project Staying Alive (2007 to 2014)
- Cultural Competency Committee(2008 to 2011)
- Wisconsin 9/11 Stair Climb Committee (2011)

In addition to the time volunteering on the MFD, Battalion Chief Belott has a long history of charitable work. He assists with fundraisers for the Summer Camp for Burn Injured Youth, the Milwaukee Fire Bell Club, the Milwaukee Fire Department Historical Society, City of Milwaukee Combined Giving Campaign, and the Milwaukee Junior Fire Institute. He also volunteered his time at his church as the leader of the Boy Pioneers, and coach's baseball for his two sons. Service to the department, the community, and his family, is an important part of his personal and professional life.

Battalion Chief Belott has dedicated himself to improving the Milwaukee Fire Department, the City of Milwaukee, and the people around him. He continues to pass on the lessons learned from his mentors and from his own 24+ years of experiences as a Milwaukee firefighter. The wide range of his experiences will no doubt make him an asset as one of our newest Deputy Chiefs.

I recommend Battalion Chief Schuyler L. Belott for promotion to position of Deputy Chief.

Sincerely,



AARON LIPSKI  
Acting Chief