



**Fire Department**

April 28, 2022

**Aaron Lipski**  
Chief

**Joshua Parish**  
Assistant Chief

**Andrew Timm**  
Assistant Chief

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Assistant Chief

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 David J. Hensley to the rank of Deputy Chief. My reasons for recommending him for promotion are found below.

Battalion Chief Hensley has 23 years of service with the department. He was appointed as a Firefighter in February 1999, became a paramedic in May 2002, was promoted to Fire Lieutenant through a special process in July 2006, and became a Fire Lieutenant from the FPCs eligible list one year later in July 2007, was promoted to Fire Captain in April 2017, and to Battalion Chief in November 2020.

Battalion Chief Hensley has an Associate Degree in Fire Science. Since joining the fire service he has continued his education through career-specific training and classes, including, but not limited to, a National Fire Academy class titled New Fire Chief: Contemporary Issues, and an International Association of Firefighters class to become an IAFF Trained Peer Supporter. He is committed to developing all members of the department, spending countless hours training, developing, and mentoring firefighters. He has been tasked with being the lead instructor for EMT classes, a formidable and essential undertaking to keep MFD first responders licensed and their skillsets honed.

As a Battalion Chief, he has demonstrated his leadership by commanding the largest battalion of the MFD. This battalion presents many challenges due to the downtown location and varied types of occupancies. It also is the host to many large events such as Presidential visits, athletic events, and summer festivals to name a few, which can test the training and planning skills of a Battalion Chief. Further, Battalion Chief Hensley has created opportunities to involve his field companies with community organizations and their events, such as the Ice Cape-ade event at Red Arrow Park, engaging department crews to share fire prevention and support for family-friendly events.

Battalion Chief Hensley has sound leadership, communication, and organizational skills to be a continued leader in our department. These skills, along with his experience and knowledge of the department and the EMS system, will make him a great addition to the rank of Deputy Chief. I recommend Battalion Chief David J. Hensley for promotion to the position of Deputy Chief.

Sincerely,

AARON LIPSKI  
Chief

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