



Fire Department

**Mark Rohlfing**  
Chief

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Assistant Chief

March 26, 2020

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 Andrew P. Timm to the rank of Deputy Chief. My reasons for recommending him for promotion are found below.

Battalion Chief Timm has 27 ½ years of service with the department. He was appointed as a Firefighter in August 1992, was promoted to Fire Lieutenant in November 2008, to Fire Captain in September 2014, and to Battalion Chief in April 2017.

He possesses an Associate Degree in Applied Science in Fire Protection Technician. He has completed the MFD Professional Development Program for the rank of Deputy Chief, as well as been an instructor for the program. He was chosen to assist the Assistant Chief of the Support Bureau recently on an ongoing confidential special project due to his trustworthiness. He serves, or has served on the following committees: Shared Services Radio Operations Subcommittee, Oasis Radio Technical and Operations Committee, 9-1-1 Memorial Committee, and as the department liaison for the United Performing Arts Fund.

Battalion Chief Timm has the innate characteristics of a leader, recognizing strengths in his team members, delegating appropriate tasks, being a good mentor, and recognizing when to collaborate with others. Putting those characteristics to work, he held the position of Fire Captain in the Training Academy for three years, directly responsible for the education and graduation of three fire recruit classes. He is an excellent communicator and remains calm in a crisis. He encourages others to use their strengths, leading by example. He has served as an assistant director for the Dive Rescue Team, implemented command-staff training for county-wide high-rise training, and developed We Energies Gas and Electric Safety Training for department-wide distribution.

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Among the many aspects of his responsibilities, Battalion Chief Timm successfully mentors, supervises, and instructs Officers, Heavy Equipment Operators and Firefighters. Battalion Chief Timm successfully collaborates internally as well as externally with other fire departments, city agencies, and members of the community. He unselfishly gives his time and energy to members of the department, to the mission of MFD.

I recommend Battalion Chief Andrew P. Timm for promotion to the position of Deputy Chief.

Sincerely,

  
MARK ROHLFING  
Chief

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