



Fire Department

**Aaron Lipski**  
Acting Chief

**Joshua Parish**  
Assistant Chief

**Andrew Timm**  
Assistant Chief

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Acting Assistant Chief

June 10, 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 Fire Captain Andrew M. Hargarten to the rank of Battalion Chief. My reasons for recommending him for promotion are found below.

Fire Captain Hargarten has 16 years of service with the department. He was appointed as a Firefighter in February 2005, became a Fire Paramedic in May 2006, was promoted to Fire Lieutenant in April 2016, and to Fire Captain in March 2020.

He received a Bachelor of Science in Chemical Engineering while fulfilling the major requirements for Biochemistry in 1998 from the University of Wisconsin - Madison. In 2010, he received a Bachelor of Science in Nursing, and in 2015 a Doctorate of Nursing Practice from the University of Wisconsin – Milwaukee. The focus of his Doctorate was the education and implementation of a Community Paramedic Program.

During Fire Captain Hargarten's service he has received a Class "A" Service Award and been a member of the following Milwaukee Fire Department (MFD) special teams: Heavy Urban Rescue, Dive, Hazardous Materials serving as the Assistant Director, and Tactical EMS. He has been an integral component to Mobile Integrated Healthcare. Special appointments/assignments include serving as the MFD grant writer, evaluating new equipment and writing specifications for same, serving on numerous vehicle-build committees, and excelled as the MFD's DNC Liaison/Logistics Officer. Further, as the EMS Education Coordinator he was also tasked with vaccination coordination working closely and cooperatively with the Milwaukee Health Department.

Fire Captain Hargarten brings a breadth of knowledge garnered from outside the department including a technical background founded in science as evidenced by his work experience in chemical engineering coupled with a health care emphasis and writing proficiency demonstrated by his completion of a Doctorate of Nursing Practice. His passion for our community, as demonstrated by writing for and receiving a grant for the Community Relations and Education Vehicle affectionately known as the "Pizza Wagon" (which he designed and helped build), is evident. When taken as a whole, his education, dedication to community, and service record, Fire Captain Hargarten is an ideal candidate to serve the Milwaukee Fire Department in the rank of Battalion Chief.

I recommend Fire Captain Andrew M. Hargarten for promotion to the position of Battalion Chief.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Aaron Lipski", with a large, stylized initial "A" and "L".

AARON LIPSKI  
Acting Chief

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