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City of Lafayette Names New Fire Chief *Fire Chief Richard Doyle to retire June 2023.*

LAFAYETTE, INDIANA – March 8, 2023 – Mayor Tony Roswarski is pleased to announce the appointment of Brian Alkire, Assistant Chief of Fire Prevention, as the new fire chief upon the retirement of current Fire Chief Richard Doyle, effective June 21, 2023. Swearing In and Pinning ceremony for Lafayette’s new Fire Chief will be held on June 20, 2023.

“The appointment of Brian Alkire as our next fire chief is an exciting chapter in the Lafayette Fire Department’s future,” states Mayor Tony Roswarski. “Assistant Chief Alkire has over 22 years of outstanding leadership and team-leading abilities, along with his years of training and education that have positioned him to lead our men and women of the Lafayette Fire Department (LFD).



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Over the next few months, Chief Doyle will be preparing Alkire as he transitions into his new leadership position. “I want to send my heartfelt appreciation and congratulations to Fire Chief Richard Doyle,” states Mayor Roswarski. “Chief Doyle has done an outstanding job in his 39+ years career with the LFD and as chief leading our men and women since 2012. We wish him and his family all the happiness as they prepare for his retirement.”

Brian Alkire

Assistant Chief Alkire has been with LFD since May of 2000. He currently serves as the Assistant Chief of Fire Prevention that oversees a team of fire inspectors/investigators and manages daily activities of the fire prevention division. Alkire has served as a Firefighter from 2000-2008; Sergeant of Engineer from 2008-2014; and Fire Inspector from 2014-2016. He has attended the National Fire Academy and has accomplished additional education and certifications, along with selected leadership education that enhances his experience in department operations. In 2020, Alkire received the Fire Inspectors Association of Indiana Fire Prevention Division of the Year Award; in 1997 Alkire received the Governor’s Award for Valor by Governor Frank O’Bannon; and Firehouse Magazine’s Heroism and Community Service Award in 1997.

“I am very honored to be provided this opportunity to lead a group of professional men and women who make personal sacrifices and risk their lives on a daily basis to make LFD one of the most effective fire and emergency response agencies in Indiana,” states Assistant Chief Brian Alkire. “I’ve been a part of this community my entire life and have been a recipient of its caring and ‘coming together in time of need’ culture. The ability to give back as chief to such a great community is truly an honor.”

Alkire’s goals are to oversee the completion of LFD headquarters’ relocation to City Hall and the fire department’s integration to a new computer-aided dispatch program. Additional goals include the continued collaboration with our public safety partner agencies, increased communications with stakeholders through multiple media formats, and community engagements.



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New Deputy Chief to be named in January 2024

In addition to the appointment of the new fire chief, Assistant Chief Alkire and Mayor Tony Roswarski have agreed that once Alkire assumes the position of fire chief, and after current Deputy Chief Steve Butram retires in January of 2024, Alkire will submit the name of Captain Jamason Blacker for affirmation from the Fire Merit Board to become the new deputy chief at that time. This will conclude the succession planning for the Lafayette Fire Department's top leadership positions.

Jamason Blacker

Captain Jamason (Jamie) Blacker has been a firefighter for 29 years, 17 years with LFD and 12 years with the Perry Township Fire Department in Colfax. He was team leader of the LFD Tactical Rescue Team from 2016-2022; Lieutenant from 2016-2022; and Captain since September 2022. Blacker has attended the Indiana Fire & Public Safety Academy, the National Fire Academy, and has accomplished additional education and certifications in department operations. He is very active in Clinton County as a member of the Clinton County Fair Council as board member and past president; President of the Colfax Lions Club; Ole Hickory Days Truck and Tractor Pull Chair; plus, a volunteer for many youth sports programs from 2004-2016 at Clinton Prairie and Colfax Summer Sports.



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