



Village of Mount Prospect Press Release

JOHN DOLAN NAMED MOUNT PROSPECT FIRE CHIEF; TOM WANG NAMED DEPUTY CHIEF

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Mount Prospect Village Manager Michael Cassady has announced John Dolan will be appointed to the position of Fire Chief and Tom Wang to Deputy Chief of Operations for the Mount Prospect Fire Department at the Village Board meeting on June 15, 2021. Dolan was appointed Acting Fire Chief on April 16th shortly after the former chief, Brian Lambel, announced his retirement from the department. Wang was promoted to Acting Deputy Chief on April 27.

Dolan, a Loyola University graduate, was introduced to the fire service through the Fire Department's Paid-on-Call program and became a full-time member in 1996. Dolan served 12 years as a Firefighter/Paramedic, seven years as a Lieutenant, and the last five years as Deputy Chief of Operations. He has served on several committees and was a member of both the Technical Rescue Team as well as the Underwater Rescue and Recovery Team. Dolan recently completed his Chief Fire Officer certification and is a member of the International Fire Chiefs Association, Metropolitan Fire Chiefs Association of Illinois, and the Illinois Fire Chiefs Association.

As Fire Chief, Dolan hopes to provide the department with the necessary resources to continue to meet the needs of a diverse and rapidly growing community.

"As a 25-year member of this department and a 50-year resident of the Village of Mt. Prospect, I am honored to have been given the opportunity to serve our community in this capacity. I hope to build on the sound foundation put in place by the department's previous leaders," Dolan said.

Tom Wang has been a member of the Mount Prospect Fire Department since 2003 – serving 13 years as a Firefighter/Paramedic and five years as Lieutenant/Paramedic. Tom currently serves on the Diversity Committee, Northwest Community Hospital Advisory Board, the Safety Committee, and was a member of the Technical Rescue Team from 2005-2021. Tom earned his Bachelor's degree from Valparaiso University and holds his Advanced Fire Officer certification.

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“Tom brings sound experience and a true love of the job that is contagious. He is a well-respected leader and I look forward to working with him,” Dolan stated.

As Deputy Chief, Wang will be responsible for the overall operation and coordination of the fire suppression, emergency medical services, and special teams for the Department. In addition, the Deputy Fire Chief works closely with the Fire Chief regarding the overall management and direction of the Department.

“I am grateful for the opportunity to be the next Deputy Chief,” said Wang. “I hope to build upon the previous leadership and to prepare the department for the future. I look forward to serving the department and the residents of the Village to the best of my ability.”

“We have been blessed with great leaders in our organization, and our succession planning has been effective as a result,” stated Village Manager Michael Cassidy. “Chief Dolan and Deputy Chief Wang have the talents and values to lead our Fire Department on a positive path forward and contribute to our Leadership Team as we work to exceed the expectations of our Village Board and stakeholders.”

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