



## **Dayton Fire appoints new Deputy Director and Chief**

- Recognizes seven recent promotions-
- Ceremony to be held Monday, April 18-

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Assistant Chief Mike Rice will be appointed to the position of Deputy Director and Chief of the Dayton Fire Department in a ceremony to be held in the City Commission Chambers (101 W. Third St., second floor) on Monday, April 18, at 10:30 a.m. In the role of Deputy Director, Chief Rice will oversee the daily operations of nearly 300 members within the Emergency Services Division who provide emergency response from the City of Dayton's 12 fire stations, and will work closely with Director and Chief Jeff Lykins to provide overall organizational direction and management.

Chief Rice began his career with the department in 2001 as a firefighter/paramedic and worked his way up through the ranks. In July of 2012, Rice was promoted to the rank of lieutenant and served the majority of that time as the company officer of Station 2 on Second platoon. In July of 2016, he was promoted to captain and was soon appointed as training center commander, where he had oversight of all departmental training, health and safety, and employee recruitment functions. In February of 2020, Rice was promoted to assistant chief and assigned to oversee the Division of Strategic Programs and Safety. During that time, Rice led department-wide initiatives for Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion, and directed operations in Training, Information Technology, Grant Administration, EMS Compliance, Communications, Dispatch, Emergency Preparedness, and Health and Safety. Chief Rice holds an Associate's Degree in Emergency Medical Services from Sinclair Community College, a Bachelor's Degree in Fire Science from Anna Maria College, and is currently completing a Master's Degree in Organizational Leadership. Additionally, he has completed a Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Certification Program at the University of South Florida.

Rice has received two Dayton Fire Department Certificates of Commendation for actions at emergency scenes in 2008 and 2015, and received a DFD Command Chief's Award for Excellence in Customer Service in 2018. He is a member of several professional organizations, including the International Association of Fire Chiefs, Ohio Fire Chiefs Association, and the Ohio Diversity Council. Chief Rice is also a veteran of the United States Air Force Reserves, serving the entirety of his career at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base.

Additionally, the Dayton Fire Department will formally recognize the recent promotions of the following seven members who were previously promoted in informal ceremonies held on February 7 and March 21, 2022: District Chief David Grubb, Captain Matthew Quick, Lt. Christopher Rowlett, Paramedic Dominique Saliba, Paramedic Kenleigh Cain, Paramedic Sam Arnold, and Paramedic William Wallace.

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