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Dayton Fire Department to hold formal promotion ceremony on Monday, 2/5/2024

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In addition to the swearing-in ceremony for Dayton Fire Department Director & Chief Mike Rice, the department will conduct a formal promotion ceremony for several additional members on Monday, February 5, 2024. The ceremony will take place in the main theater room of the Dayton Metro Library (215 E. Third St.) downtown at 10:00 a.m. Members of the media are encouraged to attend the event.

Captain Brad French is being promoted to the rank of Assistant Chief. Assistant Chief French began his career with the Dayton Fire Department in 2006. He was promoted to Lieutenant in 2013 and promoted to Captain in 2018. Assistant Chief French has served in several assignments throughout his career, including Lieutenant at Fire Station 4 and Captain at Fire Station 11, commander of the Fire Training Center, Public Information Officer, and Accreditation Manager. He holds certification through the State of Ohio as a Firefighter II, Paramedic, Fire Safety Inspector, Fire Instructor, EMS Instructor, Live Fire Instructor, and Fire Safety Inspector Instructor. French is credentialed as a Chief Training Officer (CTO) and Fire Officer (FO) through the Center for Public Safety Excellence and holds a Master's Degree in Criminal Justice Administration, a Bachelor's Degree in Fire & Safety Engineering Technology, and an Associate's Degree in Fire/EMS Administration.

Captain Tyler McCoy is being promoted to the rank of District Chief. District Chief McCoy began his career with the Dayton Fire Department in 2006. He was promoted to Lieutenant in 2013 and promoted to Captain in 2018. District Chief McCoy has served in several assignments throughout his career, including Lieutenant at Fire Stations 15 and 8, Captain at Fire Station 13, Emergency Preparedness Coordinator, and interim ARFF Coordinator at the Dayton International Airport. McCoy was the recipient of the 2021 Hundred Year Club Robert B. Jacob Award of Merit, the 2022 Dayton Masonic Lodge Community Service Award, two life-saving awards, and the Distinguished Service Award in 2022. He is credentialed as a Fire Officer (FO) through the Center for Public Safety Excellence and is a graduate of the Naval Postgraduate School, attaining his Master's Degree in Homeland Security and Defense.

Lieutenant Allen Dudziak is being promoted to the rank of Captain. Captain Dudziak began his career with the Dayton Fire Department in 2007. He was promoted to Lieutenant in 2018 and has spent the majority of his career at Fire Stations 4 and 14. He holds certification through the State of Ohio as a Firefighter II, Paramedic, and Fire Safety Inspector, and has completed many advanced certifications in technical rescue. Captain Dudziak also holds an Associate's Degree in Fire & EMS from Hocking College.

Firefighter Andrew Ferguson is being promoted to the rank of Lieutenant. Lieutenant Ferguson began his career with the Dayton Fire Department in 2006 and has served the majority of his career at Fire Stations 15 and 16. He holds certification through the State of Ohio as a Firefighter II, Paramedic, and Fire Safety Inspector.

Paramedics Nicole Terrell, Andrea Vaughn, and Amanda Mitch-Tolle, who were all previously promoted during informal swearing-in ceremonies at Fire Headquarters in recent weeks, will also be formally recognized at this public event.

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