



Dayton Fire Department to appoint new Deputy Director and Chief

Swearing-in ceremony: Monday, Jan. 12, 10 a.m.

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Assistant Fire Chief Brad French will be appointed to the position of Deputy Director and Chief of the Dayton Fire Department in a ceremony to be held Monday, Jan. 12, at 10 a.m. in the City Commission Chambers (101 W. Third St., second floor).

Chief French began his career with the Dayton Fire Department in February 2006 as a firefighter/paramedic, after having served as a firefighter in other agencies throughout the Dayton region for six years. He was promoted to Lieutenant in 2013, promoted to Captain in 2018, and promoted to Assistant Chief in 2024.

In his role as Deputy Director, he will work closely with Director and Chief Mike Rice to provide overall organizational direction and management.

In Dayton, French has served in a range of assignments including Lieutenant at Fire Station 4, Captain at Fire Station 11, commander of the Fire Training Center, public information officer, and accreditation manager. For the past two years, Chief French has led the Support Services Division, coordinating all activity on capital equipment, capital improvements, apparatus acquisition and repair, facility maintenance, fire prevention and investigation, and community risk reduction programs. He also led the department's efforts to attain Accredited Agency status with the Commission on Fire Accreditation International in 2025, with the DFD becoming one of only 335 agencies in the world to achieve this designation. As the department grant administrator, Chief French has successfully written federal grants totaling more than \$1.7 million for apparatus, personnel safety enhancements, and fire/EMS equipment.

French holds certification through the State of Ohio as a Firefighter II, Paramedic, Fire Safety Inspector, Fire and Emergency Services Instructor II, and Live Fire Instructor. He is credentialed as a Chief Fire Officer and Chief Training Officer 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. Chief French serves on National Fire Protection Association technical committees, on the Board of Directors for the International Society of Fire Service Instructors, and was a technical panelist on the UL-Fire Safety Research Institute's Study of Coordinated Fire Attack.

Chief French lives in Dayton with his wife, who serves as a deputy sheriff with the Montgomery County Sheriff's Office, and their son and daughter.



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