



CITY OF ALLENTOWN

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RESOLUTION

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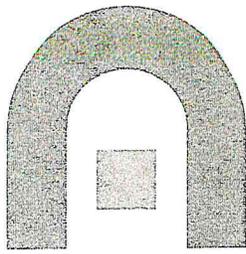
Approves the Appointment of Lee Laubach as Fire Chief at the current budgeted salary of \$110,160

Resolved by the Council of the City of Allentown, That

WHEREAS, Section 503 of the Home Rule Charter requires City Council approval of Department Directors; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor submitted Lee T. Laubach, Jr. for consideration and confirmation for the position of Fire Chief in a memo dated September 19, 2016.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that City Council hereby approves the appointment of Lee T. Laubach, Jr. as Fire Chief at the current budgeted salary of \$110,160.



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To: The Honorable Ray O'Connell, President
And Members of City Council

From: Mayor Ed Pawlowski *E.P.*

Re: Nomination of Lee Laubach to Fire Chief

Date: September 19, 2016

It is with great enthusiasm that I submit the name of Lee Laubach (interim Fire Chief) for appointment to Fire Chief on a permanent basis.

Lee was sworn-in as interim chief in February 2015 to replace retiring Chief Bob Kudlak. Prior to being appointed interim chief, Lee served as Deputy Chief of Operations which is second in command in the department.

Lee joined the department in 1993. He was promoted to Fire Specialist in August of 2002, later promoted to Lieutenant in April 2006 and was promoted to Fire Marshal in June of 2008. He was promoted to Captain of Public Affairs in October 2009 and was promoted to Assistant Chief of Fire Prevention in September 2010. He was named the department's 2010 Firefighter of the Year.

Among other things, Lee is a Certified Expert Witness in courtroom testimony – Fire Investigation and holds Basic and Advanced Emergency Management PEMA Certifications.

Lee is a graduate of Dieruff High School and attended Alvernia College where he majored in biology. He is in the process of earning his BS in Emergency Management from Columbia Southern.

I am honored to submit Lee Laubach to you for confirmation as Chief of the Allentown Fire Department.

Please contact me if you have any questions regarding Lee or his nomination.

Thank you for your consideration.

Lee T. Laubach Jr.

Lee Laubach joined the Allentown Fire Department in 1993 as a firefighter and has held the ranks of Lieutenant, Fire Marshal, Captain and Assistant Chief. He was promoted to Deputy Chief of Operations in 2014 and was appointed Fire Chief in February of 2015. He was appointed Emergency Management Coordinator for the City of Allentown in 2014 by the Governor of Pennsylvania. In 2010 Chief Laubach was awarded the State Farm scholarship for an Accelerant Detection K9. They are the first accelerant detection team in the history of the Allentown Fire Department. As of spring 2016 they have assisted in over 325 investigations throughout 4 counties.

Professional Responsibilities, Certifications and Associations:

- Pennsylvania State Fire Academy Instructor – Hazmat 472
- Allentown Fire Academy Instructor
- Fire Prevention and Education Instructor
- Deputy Emergency Management Coordinator
- Emergency Management Coordinator
- Certified Expert Witness in courtroom testimony – Fire Investigation

- ProBoard Certified Hazardous Materials Technician
- ProBoard Certified Hazardous Materials Operations
- ProBoard Certified Instructor I and Instructor II
- ProBoard Certified Fire Inspector
- ProBoard Certified Fire Investigator
- NAFI Certified Fire and Explosive Investigator
- Certified Accelerant K9 Handler
- ASHI Certified Pet First Aid
- Basic and Advanced Emergency Management PEMA Certifications
- Juvenile Fire Setter Educator and Advisory Board

- Member of the Pennsylvania Association of Arson Investigators
- Member of the International Association of Arson Investigators
- Member of the International Association of Bomb Technicians and Investigators
- Member of the International Association of Fire Chiefs
- Member of the Governing and Advisory Board of the Burn Prevention Foundation

Education:

- Alvernia College – Biology
- Louis E. Dieruff High School.