



CITY OF ALLENTOWN

No. 30147

RESOLUTION

R21 – 2021

Introduced by the Administration on February 17, 2021

Appointment of the Fire Chief Efrain Agosto, Jr.

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 hereby submits Efrain Agosto, Jr. for consideration and confirmation for the position of Fire Chief at a salary of One Hundred Twenty-Eight Thousand Nine Hundred Twelve Dollars and Twenty-Two Cents (\$128,912.22), effective February 20, 2021.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that City Council hereby approves the appointment of Efrain Agosto, Jr. as Fire Chief, effective February 20, 2021.

	Yea	Nay
Candida Affa	X	
Ce-Ce Gerlach	X	
Daryl Hendricks	X	
Cynthia Mota		
Joshua Siegel	X	
Ed Zucal	X	
Julio A. Guridy, President	X	
TOTAL	6	0

THIS IS TO CERTIFY, That the above copy of Resolution No. 30147 was adopted by the City Council of Allentown on the 17th day of February, 2021, and is on file in the City Clerk's Office.



 City Clerk

Efrain Agosto Jr.

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Education

Muhlenberg College

Working on Bachelor's in Spanish and Political Science (12 Credits away)

2009-Present

Dieruff High School

High School Diploma

1983-1986

Work History

- **Allentown Fire Department**

435 Hamilton St

Allentown, PA 18101

Deputy Fire Chief

August 2018-Present

- **Allentown Fire Department**

435 Hamilton St

Allentown, PA 18101

Assistant Chief of Fire Prevention

January 2014-August 2018

- **Allentown Fire Department**

723 Chew St.

Allentown, Pa. 18102

Fire Marshal/Inspector

January 2012-2014

- **Lehigh County Sheriff's Office (Part-Time)**

Security

455 West Hamilton Street

Allentown, PA. 18101-1614

- **Allentown Fire Department**

723 Chew St.

Allentown, PA. 18102

Fire Fighter

2003-2012

- **Allentown State Hospital**

Psychiatric Aide/Security

1600 Hanover Ave.

Allentown, PA. 18109

1994-2003

- **A&R Janitorial** 1990-1994
Housekeeper
555 Union Blvd.
Allentown, Pa. 18109
- **U.S Army** 1986-1989
13 F Forward Observer
Honorable discharge as a Specialist 4

Professional Development

Certifications

- Fire fighter I and Fire Fighter II
- Fire Investigator
- Fire Inspector I
- Fire Inspector (Commonwealth of PA- Dept. of Labor and Industry)

Courses through CFI Trainer.net

- A Ventilation-Focused Approach to the Impact of Building Structures and Systems on Fire Development
- Critical Thinking Solves Cases
- Effective Investigation and Testimony
- Explosion Dynamics
- Fire and Explosion Investigations: Utilizing NFPA 1033 and 921
- Fundamentals of Interviewing
- Investigating Motor Vehicle Fires
- Motive, Means, and Opportunity: Determining Responsibility in an Arson Case
- Post Flashover Fires
- The Scientific Method for Fire and Explosion Investigation - Updated 2009
- Understanding Fire Through the Candle Experiments
- Using Resources to Validate your Hypothesis
- Writing the Initial Origin and Cause Report

Affiliations/Memberships

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| • International Association of Firefighters | 2003-Present |
| • International Association of Arson Investigators Inc. | 2012 |
| • National Association of Fire Investigators | 2012 |
| • Public Agency Training Council | |

Experience

My experience as a firefighter throughout my fifteen years on the Allentown Fire Department includes hundreds of fire calls, EMS calls, vehicle rescues, water rescues, and fire alarms. For the first few years on the department, I was assigned as a reserve firefighter, which allowed me to move around from station to station, and gain experience from just about every officer and firefighter on the department. As a career firefighter, I would eventually work as a pipe man on E-10, driver of Truck 2, and the driver of Battalion Chief 43 before deciding to move forward and test for the Fire Marshal/Inspector test.

I would eventually test for the Fire Marshal's position in 2012 and in the 2 years that I was assigned to this position, I investigated multiple fires involving residences, autos, and brush and inspected many facilities for code compliance and permitting purposes.

As the Assistant Chief of Fire Prevention under the direction of the Deputy Fire Chief and Fire Chief, I had full management and control of all matters pertaining to the Fire Prevention Division and all subordinate Officers, Fire Marshals, Captain of Public Affairs and any member of the department assigned or detailed thereto. I was responsible for the enforcement of all Fire Prevention Laws and Ordinances related to the protection of life and property from fire, and made sure that all industrial, mercantile, institutional, educational, and high-density residential occupancies were periodically inspected.

As the Deputy Fire Chief, I am the Bureau Manager of the Fire Department and am next in line to the Fire Chief. My responsibilities include supervising and evaluating Battalion Chiefs, Assistant Chiefs, Captains and Lieutenants assigned to the respective divisions, personnel and apparatus assigned to the Fire Department so that the efficient operation of the respective divisions are accomplished, allocating the disposition of all apparatus and equipment assigned to the Fire Department and see that the equipment is kept in the best condition possible so as to be readily available for all emergencies and assisting in the preparation of the budget, especially that of the Fire Command.

Other responsibilities include:

- acting as the Liaison Officer between the Fire Department mechanic at Constellis and the Fire Department.
- assisting in writing the Standard Requirements and Bid Specifications for new equipment, new apparatus, etc. needed for the Fire Department.
- responsible for the specialty squads assigned to the Fire Department.
- have knowledge of Federal, State and Local Statutes, Laws, Ordinances and regulations governing fire, rescue and hazardous materials

Languages

- English- Native Language
- Spanish- speak, read, and write with fluent competence

Awards

Unit Citations, Certificates of Achievement, and Certificates of Recognition from the Allentown Fire Department, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Senate of Pennsylvania, and the House of Representatives:

- For 2006 Unit Citation Operation # 06-06006
- For 2007 Unit Citation Operation # 07-01190
- For 2007 Unit Citation Operation # 07- 03435
- For 2007 Unit Citation Operation # 07- 04018
- For 2011 Unit Citation Operation # 11-001315

U.S Army:

- The Army Commendation Medal