



Board Meeting Agenda Abstract

Tuesday, July 7, 2026

Location:

Agenda Item

Recognition - Fire Department Officer Promotions - (Jones) - Item 4.B

Item Explanation

The purpose of this agenda item is to recognize three recent Fire Officer promotions.

Staff Comments

The Fire Department is pleased to announce three key leadership promotions.

Josh Sorrell and Martin Baxley were promoted from Fire Engineer to Fire Captain to fill officer vacancies. These promotions place Captain Sorrell and Captain Baxley in charge of a crew of two to three firefighters on either an Engine or Ladder Company, depending on their assignment.

Captain Sorrell joined the department as a new career firefighter in 2010, left in 2016 to explore other career opportunities, and rejoined the department in 2019. He has demonstrated passion and dedication to this profession throughout his career with the department.

Captain Baxley joined the department as a new career firefighter in 2018. He has demonstrated dedication, commitment, and loyalty throughout his career with the department.

To align with the 2023 Fire Department Reorganization Plan, Dustin Grimes has been promoted from Battalion Chief to Division Chief and will manage the newly formed Training & Professional Development Division of the Fire Department. Chief Grimes is a former Fire Department Explorer and joined the Fire Department as a new career firefighter in 2005. He will oversee all aspects of personnel development, including recruit training, continuing education requirements, management of career ladder moves, and all promotion processes within the department.

Fiscal Note

No

Recommendation

No Action Required - Presentation Only

ATTACHMENTS