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WAUKESHA POLICE AND FIRE COMMISSION APPOINTS NEW FIRE CHIEF

The City of Waukesha's Police and Fire Commission unanimously approved the appointment of Robert Goplin as the City's new Fire Chief at their meeting on June 19. The position of Fire Chief has been vacant since May when Chief Steve Howard, the City's previous Fire Chief, retired.

"We are very pleased to have Chief Goplin join our team and lead our fire department," said Mayor Shawn Reilly. "Chief Goplin brings strong experience and credentials to the position. He possesses the customer service approach and big-picture thinking our residents expect," said Mayor Reilly.

"I am incredibly honored to accept the position of Fire Chief in Waukesha, and I appreciate the trust placed in me. I take the responsibility very seriously," said Robert Goplin of his appointment. "I look forward to leading our dedicated team of firefighters, working collaboratively with City officials and engaging residents."

Robert Goplin comes to the City of Waukesha after more than 27 years of service with Green Bay Metro (Wisconsin), and its predecessor department, the City of Green Bay Fire Department. He has served as the Green Bay Metro Fire Department's Assistant Fire Chief since February 2016. He is a graduate of the University of Wisconsin - Oshkosh, where he holds a bachelor's degree in Fire and Emergency Response Management. Goplin also holds a master's degree in Homeland Security Studies from the Naval Postgraduate School, Center for Homeland Defense and Security.

Goplin's appointment as Fire Chief comes at the conclusion of a nationwide search conducted for the City by GovHR USA, a Northbrook, Illinois-based executive recruitment firm. Goplin was chosen from a field of more than 25 applicants and went through an extensive interview process involving five finalists.

As Waukesha's new Fire Chief, Goplin will lead a department of more than 109 personnel that responded to more than 9,000 incidents during 2023. Goplin will begin his duties serving the City in early August.

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