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## **DAVID SCHWEIHS ANNOUNCED AS NORTHBROOK'S NEXT FIRE CHIEF**

Village Manager Cara Pavlicek has announced that Northbrook Fire Department veteran David Schweihs has been appointed Fire Chief, effective Monday, October 9, 2023. Incoming Chief Schweihs has more than 25 years of fire service experience and is currently serving as Northbrook Fire Department's Deputy Chief of Operations. The appointment is the result of the anticipated retirement of current Fire Chief Andrew Carlson.

"The Fire Chief is a critical position within the Village. Dave's passion for the fire service and his deep dedication for those who work in such a demanding profession is evident. I am especially proud to be able to promote an internal leader who has the training, experience and institutional knowledge of Northbrook to ensure the continuity of the Department's operations following Chief Carlson's retirement."

As Fire Chief, Schweihs will be responsible for managing the daily operations and long-term planning for the Fire Department. The department responds to approximately 7,800 calls annually across three stations with a total of 85 personnel, which includes 70 sworn personnel, the Fire Prevention Bureau, and administrative staff.

Schweihs has worked in fire and emergency services since 1997 and has been with the Village of Northbrook Fire Department since 2001. During that time, he has been promoted through the ranks, having served as a firefighter/paramedic, lieutenant, captain, battalion chief, and deputy fire chief.

Schweihs received a Bachelor of Science with a concentration in Fire Science Management from Southern Illinois University, graduating Magna Cum Laude. He earned a Master of Public Administration from the University of Illinois Chicago with a concentration in Public Management. During this time, he was awarded Pi Alpha Alpha by the National Public Administration Honor Society. Schweihs has also completed several certifications, including the Chief Fire Officer (CFO) through the Center for Public Safety Excellence (CPSE), and the Office of the State Fire Marshal (OSFM). Chief Schweihs is a veteran of the United States Navy in which he served on active duty and in the Naval Reserves.

Schweihs' ceremonial swearing-in has been scheduled for the October 10 regular meeting of the Northbrook Board of Trustees. Schweihs will succeed Fire Chief Andy Carlson who

is scheduled to retire in October. Chief Carlson served the Village as a firefighter/paramedic in 1999 and over his career he was promoted to the ranks of lieutenant, captain, battalion chief and deputy chief prior to his promotion to Fire Chief on January 1, 2018. The Village will announce details of its recognition of Chief Carlson's service closer to his retirement date.

### **ABOUT THE VILLAGE OF NORTHBROOK**

The Village of Northbrook is a suburban community of more than 35,000 residents located in Cook County Illinois approximately 25 miles north of downtown Chicago and approximately 9 miles from O'Hare International Airport. The Village has a diverse economic base home to several corporate headquarters, a retail base, a charming downtown, and several public transit resources. Residents enjoy a variety of events and recreational opportunities, award-winning natural areas, a rich history and a track record of strong civic-minded leadership. Learn more at: <https://www.northbrook.il.us/>