



FORT MYERS BEACH FIRE CONTROL DISTRICT

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Fire Chief Announcement

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SCOTT WIRTH

AUGUST 2, 2023

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REGARDING: Appointment of Scott Wirth as Fire Chief

ATTACHMENTS: None

At the July 26, 2023 meeting, the Board of Fire Commissioners selected Scott Wirth to lead the organization as its next Fire Chief. Chief Wirth was the District's Chief of Operations before stepping into the Acting Fire Chief role in March of this year. The Chief is in his 34th year of public safety service and began serving the Fort Myers Beach community in 2017, just prior to Hurricane Irma.

In 1989, while still in high school, Chief Wirth joined the Placid Lakes Volunteer Fire Department in Lake Placid, Florida. He started volunteering as a non-certified firefighter before being hired by the City of Fort Myers Fire Department in 1991. Wirth advanced through the ranks at the City before retiring in 2017 as their Division Chief of Operations.

Chief Wirth grew up in a family steeped in the construction trades, which provided a foundational knowledge that intersected well with firefighting. Building on this foundation, Chief Wirth obtained an Associate's Degree in Fire Science before progressing on to obtain a Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration. Chief Wirth has extensive experience in labor relations and contract negotiations from both a labor and management perspective.

Between his shifts as a Firefighter, the Chief also continued his building construction and real estate endeavors. In 2005, he became a licensed general contractor and continued building homes until 2012 when he stepped away from shift work and into fire administration. Chief Wirth's diverse background and experience will serve the District and community well as we continue to rebuild from the aftermath of Hurricane Ian.

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