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Wilmette Announces New Fire Chief

WILMETTE, IL. – (March 19, 2021) – The Village of Wilmette is pleased to announce the hiring of Brian Lambel as the Village’s new Fire Chief. Chief Lambel has 31 years of experience in the fire service and is currently serving as Fire Chief for the Village of Mount Prospect.

“I am proud to announce the appointment of Brian Lambel as Fire Chief,” Village Manager Michael Braiman said. “He is a genuine and humble leader who has the skills and experience necessary to ensure that the Fire Department continues to provide exceptional service to the community.”

Lambel started his career in the Lincolnshire-Riverwoods Fire Protection District where he served as a firefighter/paramedic from 1990 – 2000 when he joined the Village of Mount Prospect Fire Department. Lambel quickly rose through the ranks in Mount Prospect, serving as a Lieutenant/Paramedic, Battalion Chief/Shift Commander, Training Officer, Deputy Fire Chief, and ultimately Fire Chief, a position he has held since 2015. Lambel earned a Master of Public Administration in Strategic Public Management and Leadership from Northern Illinois University and obtained the Chief Fire Officer certification from the Illinois Office of the State Fire Marshal. Chief Lambel is an Illinois Fire Chiefs Association Director and a member of the Association’s Diversity and Inclusion Committee.



Brian Lambel

As Mount Prospect Fire Chief, Lambel has been responsible for managing the daily operations for the Fire Department’s 80 employees and three fire stations. Chief Lambel has been a leader in all aspects of the Mount Prospect Fire Department’s operations including budget development and administration, human resource management, strategic planning, intergovernmental relations, and community relations. As Chief, Lambel created an internal diversity committee to improve communications with diverse stakeholders and enhance the department’s recruitment efforts with a focus on diversity.

“The outpouring of support I have already received from the Wilmette community has made me and my family feel so welcome,” Chief Lambel said. “I am truly excited to be a member of the Wilmette team and look forward to working with the outstanding men and women of the Wilmette Fire Department.”

Following the retirement of Chief Ben Wozney in February, Lambel will begin his role as Wilmette’s Fire Chief in early May.

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