



Fire Department

**Mark Rohlring**  
Chief

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September 10, 2019

Honorable Chris Abele  
County Executive  
Milwaukee County  
901 N. 9th Street  
Milwaukee, WI 53233

Dear County Executive Abele:

Pursuant to the provisions set forth in [Milwaukee County Code of General Ordinances Chapter 97](#), the Chief of the Milwaukee Fire Department (MFD) shall designate a representative to the County Emergency Medical Services Council. I am pleased to designate Joshua E. Parish, Deputy Chief of EMS Operations, as my designee on the Council.

In this role, Deputy Chief Parish heads the largest EMS agency in Wisconsin, employing more than 500 EMTs, close to 200 paramedics, and responding to more than 60,000 medical calls per year. Serving a population of 600,000 residents and more than 100,000 daily visitors to the City of Milwaukee, the MFD holds three state licenses under the EMS Division including a Tactical EMS Team and EMT training center in addition to the operational unit. Within the division of EMS, Deputy Chief Parish oversees training and continuing education, logistics, quality assurance, and the Community Paramedic Program.

Deputy Chief Parish was promoted to his current position in April 2019, replacing Deputy Chief Steven Riegg, who retired this spring.

I thank you for considering the appointment of Deputy Chief Parish to the EMS Council.

Sincerely,

  
MARK ROHLFING  
Chief

cc: Supervisor Deanna Alexander, Chair, Council on Emergency Medical Services  
Chief Robert Whitaker, Vice Chair, Council on Emergency Medical Services  
OEM Director Christine Westrich, Secretary, Council on Emergency Medical Services