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Milwaukee County

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Date: August 17, 2018

To: Theodore Lipscomb, Sr., Chairman, Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors

From: Chris Abele, County Executive

Subject: Appointment of Dan Mayer to Emergency Medical Services (EMS Council)

Pursuant to Milwaukee County Ordinance Chapter 97.07, and subject to confirmation by your Honorable Body, I am pleased to appoint Mr. Dan Mayer to the position of BLS Fire Chief Representative on the Milwaukee County Council on Emergency Medical Services (EMS Council) for a term of two years, expiring on August 17, 2020. Serving Cudahy as Fire Chief, Mr. Mayer Commands the response of over 500 persons to the largest structure fire in Wisconsin history with the largest MABAS response ever in the Midwest. Additionally, he is over administration of a full-service fire/EMS rescue agency, short and long range planning, budget development and control, discipline and contractual interpretation, and served as Incident Commander for large incidents; insuring ICS/NIMS compliance. He also instituted the Cudahy Officer Development Program.

I am certain that Chief Mayer will be an asset to the EMS Council, which proudly serves the residents of Milwaukee County. I urge you to give this appointment your favorable consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Chris Abele", written over a horizontal line.

Chris Abele
Milwaukee County Executive

Enc.: Dan Mayer Resume

Cc: Supervisor Supreme Moore Omokunde, Chair, Health and Human Needs Committee
Supervisor Deanna Alexander, Chair, Council on Emergency Medical Services
Dan Devine, Mayor, City of West Allis
Robert Whitaker, Vice-Chair, Council on Emergency Medical Services
Amy Heron, President, West Allis Police & Fire Commission
Christine Westrich, Director, Milwaukee County Office of Emergency Management
Mason J. Pooler, Chief, West Allis Fire Department
Kelly Bablitch, Chief of Staff, County Board of Supervisors
Kenneth Sternig, EMS Division Director, Milwaukee County Office of Emergency Management
Jodi Mapp, Clerk, Health and Human Needs Committee

Daniel M. Mayer, EFO, CFO

SUMMARY OF QUALIFICATIONS

Experience as elected official, teacher, training officer and ICS Instructor. With over thirty years of Fire/EMS experience: nine years as Fire Chief, seven years as Emergency Management Director, twenty-three years in command/management positions in rapidly advancing, full-service fire/emergency agencies. Bringing experience and education combined with a traditional Bachelor Degree in Education. Expertise also includes, ethical leadership, budgeting, labor relations, Hazmat, with a multitude of other specialized credentials including the National Fire Academy's - **Executive Fire Officer (EFO)** Program and **Certified Fire Officer (CFO)**. A recognized community leader with an inclusive, transparent leadership style. I place emphasis on delegation and mentoring, with the goal of preparing today's diverse workforce to excel and be accountable for large challenges of their own. **Tested and proven leadership in large-scale incident command, budget difficulties, advanced discipline situations and legal challenges.**

PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION

Continuing Education: Certificate of Public Administration, U.W.-Milwaukee, numerous conferences/training/Seminars 2004-Ongoing.

Executive Fire Officer (EFO), National Fire Academy, Emmitsburg, Maryland 2001 - 2004.

Research projects in Mentoring to Enhance Training, Fair and Objective Promotional Processes, Public Relations and creating Job Performance Evaluations for Improving Job Performance.

Bachelor of Science - Education, University of Wisconsin - Milwaukee, 1983.

Fire Officer, Waukesha County Technical College, Waukesha, Wisconsin 1995.

Professional Credentials – Fire Officer, Incident and Unified Command Instructor, National Incident Management System (NIMS) Instructor, Public Information Officer-Advanced, Fire Inspector/Code Enforcement, Arson Detection/Fire Investigation, Hazardous Materials and Confined Space Technician, Fire Instructor I, II, Fire Fighter I, II, III, EMT-Paramedic, et.al. Various educational and training institutions, 1989-continuing.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

City Councilman/Alderman, City of Franklin. April 16, 2013 - Present.

- Short and long range planning, budget development and control.
- Committee/Commission Assignments: Personnel, Technology, Environmental, Fair.
- Continuous public communication, interaction, engagement and intervention.

Fire Chief, City of Cudahy Fire Department. April 7, 2009 - Present.

- Commanded the response of over 500 persons to the largest structure fire in Wisconsin history with the largest MABAS response ever in the Midwest.
- Administration of a full-service fire/EMS rescue agency.
- Short and long range planning, budget development and control.
- Discipline and contractual interpretation.
- Serve as Incident Commander for large incidents; insure ICS/NIMS compliance.
- Serve as public information officer and public relations director.
- Instituted Cudahy Officer Development Program.

Emergency Management Director, City of Cudahy. March 1, 2011 - Present.

- Direct and coordinate all community emergency preparedness efforts.
- Develop and institute new emergency response and recovery efforts.
- Coordinate the City's Emergency Operations Plan (EOP).

Battalion Chief, City of Franklin Fire Department. 1999 - 2009.

- Training Officer: Research, develop; facilitate all fire/rescue training.
- Shift Commander - Command of all operations of 14 person fire/EMS shift.
- Incident Commander - Command of emergency incidents including Fire, Hazmat, Special Teams, special rescue operations and EMS.

- Director of Milwaukee County Zone D Hazardous Materials, Confined Space and Water/Ice Rescue teams.
- Oversight of Fire Prevention Inspection Bureau including plan review and code enforcement (formerly served as Fire Inspector: 1989-1991).
- Lead Grant Writer.
- Co-developer, active member of the Franklin Public Schools Safety Advisory Committee and the Franklin Public Schools Crisis Intervention Team.
- Board of Trustees for the Lean-On-Me Foundation.
- Created the Franklin Fire Department Officer Development Program and Command Officer Training for our mutual aid partners.
- Served as Safety Officer. Responsible for safety oversight of department activities and operations including facilitating Safety Committee to find solutions to problems and to create safety initiatives.
- Served as Labor and Management Facilitator. Facilitated committee, investigated issues and resolved conflicts.
- Milwaukee County Training Officer's Association. Secretary/Treasurer, Vice President.
- Fire/Safety Advisor and Instructor.

Instructor, State of Wisconsin Emergency Management. 2004- 2005-program ended.

- Instruct members and officers of fire, police and other public agencies in all aspects of the Incident Command System (ICS).

Interim Fire Chief, Franklin Fire Department. March 29, 2002 - December 11, 2002.

- Revised and set policy for the Department; modernizing and enhancing many operations making those operations more efficient and safe.
- Effectively managed budget through challenges while not compromising public safety.
- Developed, presented, defended and controlled nearly four million-dollar budget.
- Effectively worked with elected and appointed public officials on numerous important matters.
- Clarified Department priorities ensuring unified focus of all members.
- Clarified promotional process to ensure fairness, objectivity and career guidance.
- Ensured training/safety standards for firefighters including an effective accountability system.
- Improved relations and communication between Labor and Management.
- Improved interagency relations and mutual aid agreements to standardize response.

Franklin Public Schools Board of Education Member. 1998-2002.

- Elected in 1998 and re-elected in 2001.
- Committee Chair for Finance, Building & Grounds, and Community Education & Recreation. Committee Member for Curriculum and Personnel and Policy.
- Set policy and performed oversight for an organization consisting of over 300 employees with a budget of over \$30,000,000.00.

Fire Lieutenant / Paramedic, Franklin Fire Department. 1995-1998.

- Served as line/command officer for 24-hour firefighting shift operation.
- Developed Water/Ice Rescue Program.
- Equitably maintained complex scheduling of all line employees.
- Administered Quarry Monitoring Program.

Fire Inspector / Lieutenant, Franklin Fire Department. 1990-1991.

- Developed and organized modern Fire Prevention Inspection Bureau.
- Conducted and coordinated all code enforcement activities within the City of Franklin.
- Created an atmosphere of cooperation while ensuring compliance and accountability.

Fire Fighter / Paramedic, Franklin Fire Department. 1989-1995.

- Served as a dual-trained, cross-staffed line firefighter/paramedic on 24-hour shift.

Paid-On-Call Fire Fighter / EMT, Franklin Fire Department. 1986-1989.

- Served as an on-call firefighter/EMT while employed full-time as a teacher.

Science Teacher, Vincent High School, Milwaukee, Wisconsin. 1983-1989.

- Successfully fulfilled all responsibilities as a high school teacher including lesson development, instruction and evaluation. Especially successful with "at-risk" children.

- Successfully functioned in a multicultural environment balanced with tolerance.

**Swim Coach – Boys', Oak Creek High School, Oak Creek, Wisconsin. 1984-1988.
– Girls'. Vincent High School, 1983-1988.**

- Organized and motivated swimmers, created an atmosphere of fair play.

Media Experience

- Real-Life Public Information Officer (PIO) for several Cudahy Fire events including the Patrick Cudahy Fire and other major events.
- Public Information Officer (PIO)-Advanced with a multitude of experience including a 30-minute Fire Prevention special.
- Author of a regular safety column for the Franklin Newsletter and Cudahy Annual Report.

EMPLOYMENT and PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT EXPERIENCES

- Participation on numerous promotional assessment boards for other communities.
- Conducted Fire Station Needs Assessment and prepared report for new fire station.
- Member of "Sight for Life" and numerous other committees.
- "Command School" and multiple leadership seminars.
- Wisconsin Training Officers Workshops/Seminars.
- Fire Code Interpretation and Enforcement and Fire Sprinkler Code Conferences.
- Arson Detection/Fire Investigation.
- State of Wisconsin Emergency Manager Certification Program.
- HazMat and Confined Space certified.

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIP

- Milwaukee County Fire Chiefs Association – Former President, Secretary, Treasurer.
- State of Wisconsin Fire Chiefs Association.
- Wisconsin State Fire Chiefs Association.
- Wisconsin State Fire Chiefs Education Association.
- National Society of Executive Fire Officers.
- International Association of Fire Engineers
- Milwaukee County Training Officers Association – Past President, Secretary, Treasurer.
- State of Wisconsin Society of Fire Service Instructors.
- Board of Trustees for the Lean-On-Me Foundation.
- National Fire Academy Alumni Association.

AWARDS

- Multiple recognitions for commanding the largest structure fire in Wisconsin history.
- Four Commendations including two for valor.
- Recognitions: "Valuable and Distinguished Service" and "Outstanding Service and Contributions".
- Award for "Distinguished Achievement" from the International Association of Fire Fighters.
- "Commendation from the Wisconsin Association of School Boards for Service to Children in the Wisconsin Public Schools".

COMMUNITY

- Member/Volunteer Saint Martin of Tours Parish School and Church-Steering, Cemetery and Finance Committees/ Life Teen Instructor.
- Cub Scout Den Leader and Assistant Scout Master for Boy Scout Troop - volunteer for multitude of assignments.
- Volunteer/Mentor for Franklin High School FIRST Robotics Team.

FAMILY

- Married with two adult children.