

**SERVICE COMMENDATION  
DEPUTY FIRE CHIEF PAUL FIRTH**

**WHEREAS**, On December 21, 1987, **Paul Firth** began his volunteer service with the Troy Fire Department at Station 1. He was selected as Station One Member of the Year in 2008. He served as a volunteer in Troy until December 31, 2012. **Paul** was hired by the Troy Fire Department on August 13, 2001 as a Fire Staff Lieutenant. He was promoted to Assistant Fire Chief and Fire Marshal on February 6, 2021. His title was changed to Deputy Chief on July 1, 2022; and

**WHEREAS**, For many years, **Paul** was the Fire Department Training Officer and facilitated the Firefighter Academy. Once joining the staff **Paul** also joined the Oakland County Hazardous Materials Response Team where he became an invaluable member and eventually a Team Leader. Because of **Paul's** expertise in hazardous materials, he then transitioned from training to the Department Hazardous Materials Inspector, where he worked with businesses on a daily basis; and

**WHEREAS**, **Paul** has received numerous commendations during his career in Troy. He received two Unit Commendations, in 2008 for meeting 100% of the Fire Department's training objectives for two consecutive years, and in 2012 for his role in an extrication incident to stabilize and lift a vehicle to free a victim on Coolidge & one on E. Wattles. **Paul** received four Merit Service Awards, in 2009 for dedication and commitment to FD goals of professionalism, humility, honor, and integrity; in 2011 for work at the Sunnymead Apartments structure fire; in 2013 for the 2<sup>nd</sup> alarm structure fire on Park street; and in 2014 for the Canterbury Square structure fire; and

**WHEREAS**, **Paul** received two Departmental Unit Citations in 2021 for his role in a structure fire involving a 67,000+ square foot industrial building, and a fire involving a 14,000-gallon fuel hauler on NB I-75 south of Big Beaver; and two in 2017 helping to control a multi-residential structure fire at Northfield Hills Condominiums and a single-family residential structure fire on Hylane; and

**WHEREAS**, **Paul** retired from the City of Troy on January 5, 2024 and will now enjoy more time with his wife **Lisa**, daughter **Alyssa**, sons **Mike and Dave**, and daughter-in-law **Chelsea**, as well as traveling, fly fishing, and enjoying the opportunities provided by a planned retirement;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT KNOWN**, That the Mayor and City Council of the City of Troy take this opportunity to express their appreciation to **Deputy Fire Chief Paul Firth** for his professionalism and his many contributions to the Troy Fire Department for the betterment of the community; and

**BE IT FURTHER KNOWN**, That the Mayor and City Council of the City of Troy, City Management, and the citizens of the City of Troy, extend wishes of prosperity, good health and happiness to **Paul** during his well-deserved retirement years.

**Presented this 19<sup>th</sup> day of February 2024**