

**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 2nd 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 19th day of February 2024