

Brian Stockdale Appointed City of Lewiston Fire Chief



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LEWISTON: City Administrator Ed Barrett announced today that Brian Stockdale, the current Fire and Rescue Chief for the Town of Topsham, Maine, has been appointed Lewiston's Fire Chief. He will assume the position on July 27th.

Brian, a native of Boston, began his career in the fire service in the Town of Hope Mills, North Carolina where he progressed to the rank of Shift Supervisor/Captain. After relocating to Maine, he served as a Firefighter/Paramedic for the Town of Brunswick, Chair of the Department of Medical Assisting at Southern Maine Community College, and, for the last seven years, the Chief in Topsham. Brian is a registered nurse and has worked in that capacity at several hospitals, including Maine General, Mid Coast, and the Shriners Burn Hospital in Boston. In addition to his nursing degree, he is a certified Maine paramedic and holds a Master's Degree in Organizational Leadership. Brian is an Army veteran and has also served in the Army Reserve. He is on the Boards of Directors of the Maine State Fire Chief's Association and the American Red Cross Midcoast Region and has served in the past on the Maine Board of Emergency Medical Services.

Brian was selected after a nationwide search that attracted 32 applicants. A hiring panel composed of the City Administrator, Councilor Shane Bouchard, Police Chief Brian O'Malley, retired Fire Chief Paul LeClair, and International Association of Firefighters Local 785 President Rick Cailler conducted interviews with the finalists for the position.

According to City Administrator Ed Barrett, ***“Brian impressed the interview panel based on his varied experiences; strength in strategic planning; emphasis on training, management and leadership abilities; and passion for the fire service. All of us look forward to working with him as he takes on this new challenge.”***

Upon appointment to the Chief’s position, Stockdale stated, ***“I am honored and excited to assume this new role. I look forward to working with the fine men and women of the Lewiston Fire Department and to serving the community of Lewiston.”***

Councilor Shane Bouchard, a member of the hiring panel, also praised Stockdale. ***“The Fire Department is a key part of the City’s public safety efforts. I’m confident that Brian will build on the Department’s strong traditions and work with its members to further enhance and move the Department forward.”***

Brian will begin his new position on July 27th and will be relocating to Lewiston. His initial salary will be \$92,977.

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