

AGENDA ITEM # 1 A
June 9, 2015

Interview

MEMORANDUM

June 4, 2015

TO: County Council
FROM: Linda M. Lauer, Clerk *LL*
SUBJECT: Interview - Fire Chief Goldstein

The Council will interview Scott Goldstein, who is the County Executive's appointee for the position of Chief, Montgomery County Fire and Rescue Service.

The interview will be held in the 3rd Floor Conference Room at 9:00 a.m. Chief Goldstein's resume is attached.

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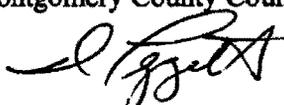
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ROCKVILLE, MARYLAND 20850

Isiah Leggett
County Executive

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MEMORANDUM

May 14, 2015

TO: George Leventhal, President, Montgomery County Council
FROM: Isiah Leggett, County Executive 
SUBJECT: Appointment of Chief, Montgomery County Fire and Rescue Service

I am transmitting the appointment of Mr. Scott Goldstein for the position of Chief, Montgomery County Fire and Rescue Service. Mr. Goldstein is being appointed at a salary of \$200,000. His appointment will be effective upon confirmation by the County Council.

IL:rsd

Attachments

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County Executive

APPOINTMENT

PURSUANT TO THE AUTHORITY VESTED TO ME UNDER SECTION 215 OF
THE CHARTER OF MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND, I HEREBY
APPOINT

Scott Goldstein

TO SERVE AS Chief, Montgomery County Fire and Rescue Service

THIS APPOINTMENT SHALL BE EFFECTIVE UPON CONFIRMATION BY THE
COUNCIL FOR MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND.


ISIAH LEGGETT
COUNTY EXECUTIVE

May 14, 2015
DATE

Resolution No.: _____
Introduced: _____
Adopted: _____

COUNTY COUNCIL
FOR MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND

By: County Council

SUBJECT: County Executive's Appointment of Chief, Montgomery County Fire and Rescue Service

The County Council for Montgomery County, Maryland approves the following resolution:

The County Executive's appointment of Chief, Montgomery County Fire and Rescue Service

Scott Goldstein

The appointment of Mr. Goldstein is confirmed by the County Council.

This is a correct copy of Council action:

Linda M. Lauer, Clerk of the Council

SCOTT E. GOLDSTEIN

AREAS OF KNOWLEDGE AND EXPERIENCE

Fire Rescue:

Division Management
Section Management
Incident Response
Disaster Preparedness

Disaster Response:

Multi-agency Coordination
Multi-team Incident Logistics
Team Logistics & Technical Rescue

Training:

Lesson plan development
Teaching aides
Course logistics
Instruction

Information Management:

Database design/maintenance

Cache Management:

Cache packaging
Cache readiness
USAF Technical Specialist & Load Planner
Accountability

EXPERIENCE

MONTGOMERY COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE August 1990 – Present

Operation Division: Direct leadership of field operations division for large metropolitan combined career and volunteer fire department. Division includes: Special Operations, Emergency Medical Services, Fleet Services, Emergency Communications (9-1-1), and Field Operations. Division consists of over 900 personnel that provide daily services from 37 fire stations to 1 million residents over 500 square miles. Daily staffing involves over 280 career personnel and roughly 50 volunteer personnel.

Special Operations: Leads the daily management of fire rescue personnel assigned to the Special Operations Section, including Hazardous Materials, Technical Rescue, Water Rescue, WMD Medical Response. Acts in supervisory and liaison role during the response to emergency incidents.

Special Events: Develop and coordinate MCFRS preventive and reactive response to mass gathering events. Events include professional golf tournament, charity fund raiser multi-day walks, week long county agricultural fair, and music festival/concerts. Attendance at events range from several thousand to 50,000.

Disaster Preparedness: Develop and implement multi-agency functional groups. Agencies involved include County Police, Health and Human Services, Transportation/Highway Services, Hospital Liaison, and Local Emergency Planning Committee.

Regional Cooperation: Member of Senior Operations sub-committees for the Metropolitan Washington Council of Government (MWCOG) Fire Chiefs.

Former member of Sub-committees include: Hazmat/WMD, Technical Rescue, Fire Intelligence, Preventative Radiological/Nuclear Detection Strategy, and Law Enforcement and Emergency Medical Services Integration.

EDUCATION

Masters of Science, Homeland Security Naval Postgraduate School, Monterey California – *planned Dec 2015 graduation*
Bachelor of Science, Fire Science, University of Maryland University College, College Park, MD
Associate in Applied Science, Montgomery Community College, Rockville, MD

SPECIAL STUDY

Certified Public Manager, Metropolitan Washington Council of Government (MWCOG), October 2011
Regional Executive Development Program, George Washington University, October 2011
MWCOG Homeland Security Counter –Terrorism Prevention & Response Course – Isreal
United States Air Force Technical Specialist/AMC Load Planner
Gestalt Advanced Microsoft Access

DISASTERS / SPECIAL EVENTS

Allegheny County CSX Train Derailment • Hurricane Floyd • Hurricane Fran • 1996 Olympics
Pentagon Terrorist Attack • Hurricane Opal • Oklahoma City Bombing • Blizzards of 2009 and 2010



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May 14, 2015

Council President George Leventhal
Montgomery County Council
100 Maryland Avenue
Rockville, Maryland 20850

Dear Council President Leventhal:

I am writing to you on behalf of the Board of Directors of the Wheaton Volunteer Rescue Squad, Inc. (WVRS) to commend the performance of Scott Goldstein, Acting Chief of the Montgomery County Fire and Rescue Service (MCFRS).

Yesterday the Maryland Board of Public Works (BPW) approved WVRS' application for a low interest State loan to fund the purchase of a new heavy rescue squad. Acting Chief Goldstein's support in this loan application process, as well as during a complex design and engineering process, has proven critical.

The new state of the art fire apparatus will cost nearly \$1.5 million. However the low interest loan approved by the BPW will enable WVRS to save several hundred thousand dollars. It will replace an aging truck that has logged almost 180,000 miles and in 2014 helped respond to over 2,800 emergency calls. The new heavy rescue squad is sorely needed by the almost 100 response active volunteers at WVRS as well as by the MCFRS career staff that jointly staff our apparatus.

Acting Chief Goldstein's collaborative approach to leadership, as well as his focus on performance and accountability, has enabled WVRS to enhance service delivery to the residents of Wheaton.

I hope this letter will reflect favorably upon Acting Chief Goldstein as you consider confirming his appointment to serve as Chief of the MCFRS.

Sincerely,

Gamunu "Gam" Wijetunge
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cc: Isiah Leggett, Montgomery County Executive



Kensington Volunteer Fire Department, Inc.

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Organized 1899 ★ ★ ★ Incorporated 1925

May 14, 2015 via e mail

Members of the Montgomery County Council
Council Office Building
100 Maryland Avenue, 5th Floor
Rockville, MD 20850

Re: Confirmation of Scott Goldstein as County Fire Chief

Dear Honorable Council Members Berliner, Elrich, Floreen, Hucker, Katz, Leventhal, Navarro, Rice, and Reimer:

Kensington Volunteer Fire Department is among the largest "boots on the ground" volunteer fire departments (LFRDs) in Montgomery County. Indeed, we proudly and reliably provide **100%-volunteer fire & EMS staffing for over 70% of every week's shifts, 365 days per year** from our Station 5 on Connecticut Avenue, **using all KVFD-owned fire and EMS apparatus and support vehicles.**

We regularly have had the opportunity to work directly, "hands on", with Scott Goldstein both as Operations Chief and as Acting Fire Chief. Our experience has consistently been positive, professional, cooperative, pragmatic, and results-driven. Chief Goldstein has a demonstrated track record of working with KVFD to achieve the best interests of the citizens of Montgomery County in the unique context of our integrated volunteer / career system. Indeed, most recently, Chief Goldstein carefully reviewed and approved KVFD's proposed purchase – at KVFD's expense – of a new \$236,000 ambulance / paramedic unit, to be used by volunteer and career staff, to best serve the community.

Forged out of that long track record of cooperation in the interest of the County, Acting Fire Chief Goldstein has earned the respect of Kensington Volunteer Fire Department and the other largest LFRDs in the County who provide the vast majority of consistent high volume "boots on the ground" volunteer Fire & EMS service to the County.

Continuation of that bond of trust is essential to moving forward the volunteer fire and EMS service in the face of increasing challenges facing the County. The leadership of KVFD therefore respectfully applauds County Executive Leggett's nomination of Scott Goldstein as County Fire Chief, and respectfully urges confirmation of that nomination.

Feel free to contact me or KVFD Fire Chief Jayme Heflin if you have any questions.

Respectfully,

Steven R. Semler, EMT, President
Kensington Volunteer Fire Department
Cell 202 841 2261 President@KVFD.org

cc: County Executive Leggett; Jayme Heflin, KVFD Fire Chief

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★ Station 21
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★ Station 25
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Layhill, Maryland 20906
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OFFICES OF THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE

Isiah Leggett
County Executive

Timothy L. Firestine
Chief Administrative Officer

MEMORANDUM

May 26, 2015

TO: George Leventhal, President, Montgomery County Council

FROM: Timothy L. Firestine, Chief Administrative Officer *Timothy L. Firestine*

SUBJECT: Due Diligence on Non-Merit Appointment – Scott Goldstein

The purpose of this memo is to confirm that in making appointments for non-merit positions, our selection process utilizes thorough reference checks, criminal history, background checks, checks for warrants and warrants, credit history and other inquiries appropriate to the position being filled.

Please be assured that due diligence was exercised in determining the suitability of Scott Goldstein for appointment as the Chief, Montgomery County Fire and Rescue Service. In addition, Mr. Goldstein has filed his Financial Disclosure Statement.

TLF:rsd

