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MEMORANDUM

TO: City Council
FROM: Mayor David J. Narkewicz
CC: City Clerk Pamela Powers
DATE: February 4, 2020
RE: Appointment of Fire Rescue Department Chief

I am appointing Assistant Chief Jon Davine to the position of Chief of the Northampton Fire Rescue Department, filling the vacancy created by the retirement of Chief Duane A. Nichols, effective March 14, 2020.

Assistant Chief Davine has been with the 68-member Northampton Fire Rescue Department since having first moved to the Pioneer Valley in 1998. Over his distinguished career of more than twenty years, he has steadily risen through the ranks of Fire Rescue, becoming Captain in five years, Deputy Chief in thirteen, before being promoted to his current rank of Assistant Chief in 2015.

Assistant Chief Davine has an Associate's Degree in Fire Protection and Safety Technology from Springfield Technical Community College and a Bachelor's Degree in Fire Service Management from UMass Amherst. He graduated from the Massachusetts Firefighting Academy's Chief Fire Officer Management Training Program in 2016. He is currently enrolled in the Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear and Explosives (CBRNE) Security Studies Master's Degree Program at UMass Lowell.

Assistant Chief Davine has been a Hazardous Materials Technician since 2003 and is an original member of the Joint Hazard Incident Response Team attached to the Massachusetts State Police Bomb Squad. He is also currently a Training Coordinator and Emergency Manager for the City of Northampton. Assistant Chief Davine is a proud United States veteran, having served in the U.S Marine Corps from 1989 to 1993.

Assistant Chief Davine is a native of Adams, Massachusetts and a graduate of Hoosac Valley High School in Cheshire. He currently resides in Easthampton with his wife, Loren, and their twin sons, Drew and Zachary.

I am confident in Assistant Chief Davine's ability to lead our Fire Rescue Department and am honored to elevate him to the rank of Chief. I respectfully submit his appointment to the City Council for confirmation in accordance with the Northampton Charter, Article 2, § 2-10.