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Andrew Pelis Named Fire Rescue Assistant Chief

At the Thursday, March 5, 2020, City Council meeting, Jon Davine was unanimously confirmed as the City of Northampton's Fire Rescue Chief. Chief Davine will be officially sworn in Friday, March 13, 2020, at 4 p.m. at the Northampton Fire Rescue Department Headquarters.

Today, Mayor David J. Narkewicz announced that he and incoming Chief Davine have selected Deputy Chief Andrew Pelis to be the city's next Assistant Fire Rescue Chief.

"Deputy Chief Pelis has distinguished himself across his entire career as a public servant dedicated to the safety of his hometown. We look forward to welcoming Andy Pelis in his new role on Northampton Fire Rescue's leadership team," said Mayor David J. Narkewicz.

Deputy Chief Pelis received bachelor's degrees in Natural Resources from the University of Massachusetts Amherst in 1995 and in Fire Science from Anna Maria College in 2007. Pelis began his career as a firefighter in Northampton in 1998, moving through the ranks as a Training Officer, Fire Prevention Officer, Hazmat Technician, and Shift Captain, to his current position as Deputy Chief.

In speaking on this decision, Chief Davine said, "I'm proud to have served alongside Andy for years and he's earned this expanded role supporting me and the Department as we work to serve the residents of Northampton."

Deputy Chief Pelis is a native of Northampton and a graduate of Northampton High School. He currently resides in Northampton with his family.

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