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Andrew Pelis Named Fire/Rescue Chief

NORTHAMPTON - Today, Mayor Gina-Louise Sciarra announced that she has selected Assistant Fire/Rescue Chief Andrew Pelis to be the city's next Chief of Northampton Fire/Rescue.

"I am thrilled that Andrew Pelis will be taking the reins as Northampton's next Fire/Rescue Chief, pending the City Council's confirmation," said Mayor Gina-Louise Sciarra. "As Assistant Chief, Andy received thorough leadership training as part of sound succession planning. I am confident he will bring continuity and exceptional competence to our Fire/Rescue department. I look forward to working with Andy in his new role as the head of Northampton Fire/Rescue's leadership team."

Assistant Chief Pelis received bachelor's degrees in Natural Resources from the University of Massachusetts Amherst in 1995 and 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, Shift Captain, Deputy Chief, Assistant Chief, and now Chief.

"I've served my entire career as a firefighter in the City of Northampton, and I'm honored to have been chosen to lead this dedicated and capable team of public servants," said Assistant Chief Pelis.

Assistant Chief Pelis is a native of Northampton and a graduate of Northampton High School. He lives in Northampton with his wife Mary and children Abigail, Emilia, Andrew, and Amelia.

Mayor Sciarra will submit her appointment to the City Council for confirmation in accordance with the Northampton Charter, Article 2, § 2-10, and it will appear on the agenda for the City Council meeting on August 17, 2023, for a required committee referral.

Assistant Chief Pelis will be sworn in as Interim Chief of Northampton Fire/Rescue at 2:30 p.m. on Friday, July 28, 2023, at Fire/Rescue Headquarters at 26 Carlon Drive in Northampton, and will continue in that role as he awaits final confirmation by the City Council.

For more information, contact the Mayor's Office at 413-587-1249 or mayor@northamptonma.gov.