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TO: Urbana City Council Members Brandon Bowersox, Eric
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Smyth and Heather Stevenson

FROM: Laurel Lunt Prussing

RE: Mayoral Staff Appointment

I am pleased to recommend for your approval the appointment of Chad Hensch as Division Chief. This appointment would fill a vacancy created by the retirement of Jeff McDuffy.

I am attaching a letter from Chief Dilley which recommends the appointment of Lt. Hensch.



Urbana Fire Rescue Services

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TO: Mayor Prussing, Council Members

FROM: Chief Dilley

DATE: 07/28/11

RE: Division Chief Appointment

Please allow me this opportunity to recommend Lt. Chad Hensch for appointment to the position of Division Chief. Lt. Hensch would be replacing Jeff McDuffy who is retiring after 25 years of exceptional service to the City of Urbana.

Lt. Hensch began his service to the City of Urbana Fire Department in 1995 after being involved in the fire service since his teenage years. He was promoted to the position of Lieutenant in 2000 and is currently number one on the Captain's list. He has demonstrated his ability to succeed when serving multiple times in the upgraded position to Division Chief.

Lt. Hensch comes with multiple qualifications besides his years of experience. He has been a leader of our Technical Rescue Team since his promotion to Lieutenant, and has served us very well as Coordinator for the past 2 years. Lt. Hensch wrote our Technical Rescue operating guidelines, which have become a model through the State of Illinois and are used and promoted by the State MABAS organization. Lt. Hensch specializes in the area of training and has trained multiple firefighters both at Urbana and in the State. Consequently Lt. Hensch would become our department's training officer. He was also instrumental in formulating the department's candidate training manual preparing probationary firefighters for the job.

Among some other accomplishments are:

- Development of the concept of a Rescue Pumper, which eliminated cross-staffing providing efficient service delivery for the department.

- Design and construction of an SCBA training prop to further training and safety for the department.

- Designed, fabricated, and assembled numerous renovation projects for areas of the fire stations.

Holds multiple NIMS and Fire Service certifications from the State of Illinois, including Fire Officer II.

Is currently in the process of completing the National "Blue Card" training for Incident Command in strategy and tactics for the Fire Service.

Is a field staff instructor for the State Fire Academy.

Lt. Hensch has been an unselfish member of our department, always willing to do the extra without seeking recognition or personal gain. Lt. Hensch exemplifies what we feel a qualified and successful member of our department should be and would be an excellent addition to our management team.