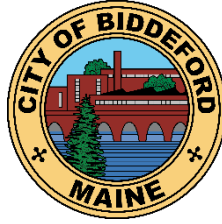


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PRESS RELEASE

Kenneth Thorpe Named New Deputy Fire Chief

BIDDEFORD (September 7, 2022) — Kenneth Thorpe, an 18-year veteran of the Biddeford Fire Department, has been named the next Deputy Fire Chief.

Thorpe became a career firefighter/EMT-A with the Biddeford Fire Department in April 2004. In 2009, he obtained his Emergency Medical License as a Paramedic. He was promoted to the rank of Lieutenant in 2018.

Thorpe has 39 years of experience in Fire/EMS service, having previously served as a Call Force member for the towns of Windham and Gorham, where he held the ranks of Training Officer, Lieutenant, and Captain.



“Ken is a critical part of the training division of our department and is a strong leader. He has a wide range of knowledge both in fire and EMS operations and is a licensed paramedic,” said Fire Chief Scott Gagne. “I believe that he will be a strong member of the department’s administrative team and was pleased to be able to offer him the position of Deputy Fire Chief.”

As Deputy Chief, Thorpe is responsible for reviewing, evaluating, developing and implementing programs, policies and procedures for departmental operations such as training and fire prevention, among other duties.

“Being with the Fire Department and serving its citizens has given me a chance to experience its rich culture, and I am excited to see how much Biddeford has grown and changed,” Thorpe said. “All our City departments have experienced fast paced growth and the demands on emergency services steadily increases each year. I am proud to step into this new role in one of the finest Fire Departments in the business.”

Thorpe began his duties as Deputy Chief on August 22 and was formally sworn in to the position at the September 6 City Council Meeting.

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