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TO: Mayor Matti H. Bower and Members of the City Commission

FROM: Jorge M. Gonzalez, City Manager by dmt for

DATE: February 28, 2008

SUBJECT: Appointment of Eric Yuhr as Acting Fire Chief

The purpose of this LTC is to advise you that I have appointed Assistant Fire Chief Eric Yuhr as the Acting Fire Chief effective Saturday, March 9, 2008. As you know, Fire Chief Ed Del Favero will retire from the City effective Friday, March 8, 2008.

Chief Yuhr has been with the City of Miami Beach Fire Department for over 20 years beginning as a Firefighter in 1987. He has been promoted several times throughout his career and has served as a Firefighter I, Firefighter II, Fire Lieutenant, Fire Captain, Division Chief for Support Services and Division Chief for Emergency Management. In 2001, Chief Yuhr was promoted to Assistant Fire Chief where he oversaw Fire Operations through 2005. From 2005 to the present, Chief Yuhr has been the Assistant Chief overseeing Fire Administration.

In addition, Chief Yuhr is a certified Firefighter, paramedic, and holds several certifications from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) including Emergency Operations Center Operations, Response and Recovery and Public Information Officer.

Chief Yuhr has made many contributions to this organization throughout his tenure with the Miami Beach Fire Department. Some of Chief Yuhr's significant accomplishments include the development of the Florida Urban Search and Rescue Type II Team for the Miami Beach Fire Department; the configuration and implementation of the Telestaff staffing program; coordinated deployments of Region 7 South Fire assets in response to Hurricanes Charley, Frances and Katrina; and has been involved with the labor management efforts with both the International Association of Fire Fighters (IAFF) and the Communications Workers of America (CWA).

Chief Yuhr is currently pursuing a Master's degree in Public Administration at Florida International University, and he holds a Bachelor's degree in Public Administration from Barry University as well as an Associate of Science in Emergency Medical Services from Miami-Dade Community College. Attached is Chief Yuhr's resume.

Please join me in congratulating Chief Yuhr. I know you will find him to be as competent and capable to serve the City in this capacity as I do.

If you have any questions or need any additional information, please feel free to let me know.

C: Chief Eric Yuhr

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Eric Yuhr

Education

Florida International University
Master of Public Administration
In Progress
Barry University, 2003
Bachelor of Public Administration
Miami Dade Community College, 1994
Associate of Science in Emergency Medical Services

Professional Experience

Miami Beach Fire Department

2005 - Present **Assistant Fire Chief – Administration**
2001 – 2005 **Assistant Fire Chief – Operations**
2000 – 2001 **Division Chief Emergency Management**
1999 – 2000 **Fire Captain**
1998 – 1999 **Division Chief Support Services**
1997 – 1998 **Fire Captain**
1994 – 1997 **Fire Lieutenant**
1990 – 1994 **Firefighter II**
1987 – 1990 **Firefighter I**

Certifications and Professional Development

- Certified Firefighter
- Certified Paramedic
- Completed Fire Instructor Course
- Completed ICS 100, 200, 300, 400, 700 and 800
- FEMA EOC Operations, Response and Recovery and PIO Certified
- Florida Fire Chiefs Region 7 South (Dade County Coordinator)
- Leadership Miami 2002-2003 Graduate
- International Association of Fire Chiefs member 2001-present

Significant Achievements

- Developed Florida Urban Search and Rescue Type II Team for the

Miami Beach Fire Department

- Developed and implemented special events plans including, Memorial Day, New Years Eve,
- Configured and implemented Telestaff staffing program for the MBFD
- Experience with Labor/Management including being part of the negotiating teams for IAFF and CWA contracts
- Coordinated the deployments of Region 7 South Fire assets in response to Hurricanes Charley, Frances and Katrina
- Landfall Team Commander Hurricanes Katrina, Wilma

*Additional information and certifications available on request.