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NO. LTC # 307-2008

LETTER TO COMMISSION

TO: Mayor Matti Herrera Bower and Members of the City Commission

FROM: Jorge M. Gonzalez, City Manager

DATE: November 24, 2008

SUBJECT: Appointment of Fire Chief Eric Yuhr

The purpose of this LTC is to advise you that I have appointed Eric Yuhr as the Fire Chief effective Monday, November 24, 2008.

Chief Yuhr has been doing a great job in his Acting capacity and I am sure he will continue doing so now that he is the Chief. As you may know, Chief Yuhr began his career with the City of Miami Beach as a Firefighter I in 1987 and has been promoted several times throughout his career, including to 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 through March 2008 Chief Yuhr was the Assistant Chief overseeing Fire Administration. He has been the Acting Fire Chief since March 9, 2008.

Attached is Chief Yuhr's resume for your review. In summary though, 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.

The Chief 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. 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.

Please join me in congratulating Chief Yuhr in his new position. 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

03/2007- Present	**Acting Fire Chief**
2005 - 03/2007	**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

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

Achievements

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.