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PRESS RELEASE

The Mayor's Office is pleased to announce that James Buck has been appointed Fire Chief of the Town of Wallingford. His extensive experience began in 1994 with the Bridgeport Fire Department as a Firefighter. During his career, Buck rose through the ranks as Lieutenant, Safety Officer, and Captain, before becoming the Deputy Chief of Operations in 2019. He retired from the City of Bridgeport as the Executive Officer in 2022 to become the Deputy Chief of Operations in Stratford. Throughout his fire career, Buck has been an integral part of the incident management team at major incidents. He has also served as the Emergency Management Director for the Town of North Branford since 2015 and was named Bridgeport Firefighter of the Year in 2016.

Buck holds a Bachelor's Degree in Public Safety Administration and an Associate's Degree in Emergency Management with a concentration in Fire Science. In addition, he has completed training at the National Fire Academy, Texas A&M Engineering Extension, and many FEMA courses. "Becoming an IAFF Fireground Safety and Survival Instructor is a special source of pride," he says.

Buck has served on many boards and committees. He began serving as a Bridgeport Fire Pension Trustee in 2005, later becoming the Treasurer. Additionally, he has served on the North Haven Fire Volunteer Committee, interviewing new applicants, as well as the North Haven Fire Pension Board. He has also volunteered on the Hamden CERT. During the last ten years he has attended CT Department of Emergency Management and Homeland Security Region 2 Steering Committee meetings, serving as the chair of Resource Management and vice-chair of Emergency Management.

"Mr. Buck brings a great deal of experience and enthusiasm to lead the Fire Department," says Wallingford Mayor Vincent Cervoni. "We are excited for the department members and the residents of Wallingford."

His appointment is effective as of August 29, 2024.

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