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BURLINGTON – The Burlington Fire Department will begin a new era as the City’s first full time Fire Chief will take the reigns on June 3. Perry Howard, 32 year veteran and an Assistant Fire Chief with the Beach Park Illinois Fire Protection District and Lieutenant with the Arlington Heights, Illinois Fire Department has been hired after an extensive nationwide search.

Mr. Howard holds a Masters of Business Administration and Human Resource Management from the Keller Graduate School of Management and a Bachelor’s degree in Fire Science Management from Southern Illinois University. He is also a graduate of the Executive Fire Officer Program at the National Fire Academy.

Mr. Howard holds several professional certifications including Fire Officer I, II, and III from the Illinois State Fire Marshall’s Office and countless other certifications including Hazardous Materials Operations, WMD Incident Management Systems, Training Program Manager and Incident Safety Officer. Mr. Howard also currently teaches at Southern Illinois University as an adjunct professor.

“We are excited to have such a professionally trained and experienced Fire Chief coming to the City of Burlington,” said Mayor Robert Miller. “Mr. Howard clearly rose to the top after an extensive national search.”

Mr. Howard is also an extensive author having written several journal articles for the National Fire Academy in Emmitsburg, Maryland.

Mr. Howard will take over a department with approximately 47 volunteers and four paid fire personnel, including three engineers and a fire inspector.

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