

## **Press Release**

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### **Wilton Fire Department announces hiring of new Deputy Fire Chief**

Fire Commission Chairperson Casey Healy announces the hiring of John Plofkin, formerly of the Westport Fire Department, as Wilton's new Deputy Fire Chief, effective February 1, 2021.

Prior to his retirement, John was an Assistant Chief with Westport having served there for over twenty-two years (1995-2017). In the past he held a position in Trumbull as Chief of the Nichols Fire Department, serving that department since 1980. Further, John has worked in the fire equipment industry, most recently with Shipman's Fire Equipment.

Commissioner Healy joined with fire commission members Terrie Schwartz and John Hall, congratulating Deputy Chief Plofkin as he takes on his new responsibilities with the Wilton Fire Department, stating "we are confident John brings a wealth of experience to the department and we wish him well in his new role."

John holds numerous state and fire certifications and is a lead instructor with the Fairfield Regional Fire School in its vehicle extrication programs. He holds a Bachelor of Science degree from Eastern Connecticut State University in Business Administration.

Wilton Fire Chief Jim Blanchfield said "We look forward to working with Deputy Chief Plofkin and all that he brings to our department. I have known John for almost twenty years. He is well respected in the fire service community. I believe he has the right combination of experience, skills and knowledge to effectively serve the Wilton community."

John lives in Trumbull with his wife Cheryl. Their daughter Meghan is married and lives in Maryland with her husband Tim, while their son Tyler is living in Everett, Mass.

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