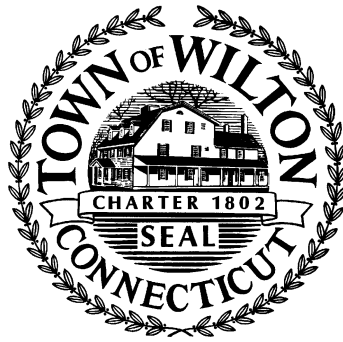


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June 28, 2019 – Wilton Fire Commission Chairman Casey Healy announced the appointment of Geoffrey Herald as Wilton Fire Department Interim Fire Chief following a unanimous vote on the appointment by the full Fire Commission. The term of the three-month appointment commences on July 1, 2019 and concludes on September 30, 2019. Extensions of the appointment may be made by mutual agreement of the Fire Commission and Interim Fire Chief Herald. The Interim Chief appointment will be in effect while the Fire Commission completes its recruitment for a new Fire Chief and Deputy Fire Chief this coming fall.

Fire Commission Chairman Casey Healy described Interim Fire Chief Herald's charge as follows, "Your primary responsibility/charge as Interim Fire Chief will be to provide leadership, stability, and continuity of operations to the Fire Department in its time of transition to a new permanent Fire Chief."

Geoffrey Herald is uniquely qualified to serve as Interim Fire Chief. He began his career as a member of the Danbury Fire Department in February of 1979 after having been a Volunteer Firefighter for five years. During his tenure with the Danbury Fire Department, he

rose through the ranks, starting as a Firefighter and achieving promotions to Lieutenant, Captain, Assistant Fire Chief, and ultimately to Fire Chief. He was Fire Chief for the last seven plus years prior to his retirement from employment with the Danbury Fire Department. Subsequent to his service with the Danbury Fire Department, he served as Interim fire Chief for the Marlborough Fire Department in Marlborough, Massachusetts from January 2015 through July 2015.

Fire Commission Chairman Healy stated that “Geoff’s extensive firefighting experience in a Fairfield County city combined with his many years of career fire service in a leadership capacity make him a natural fit for the position of Interim Chief for the Wilton Fire Department.” Chairman Healy further stated he has every confidence that Interim Chief Herald will successfully lead the Wilton Fire Department during the period of transition to a permanent Fire Chief appointment.

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