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HIAWATHA FIRE-RESCUE

MEMORANDUM

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR, HIAWATHA CITY COUNCIL

FROM: MIKE NESSLAGE, FIRE CHIEF

SUBJECT: APPOINTMENT OF FIRE OFFICERS

DATE: 5/30/2017

Recently the fire department volunteers decided to reorganize from a 5 crew system to a 6 crew system. There were several benefits to this including, reducing on duty time, reducing weekend shifts from 48 hours to 24 hours, and breaking up weekend shifts so the entire weekend isn't tied up. Because of the change I am recommending appointing, or reappointing, the following individuals, in alphabetical order, as duty crew/company level officers.

Rob Archibald will be promoted to Captain. He has been a member of the Fire Department since 2002. He has served as a Volunteer Lieutenant, and as Paid Deputy Chief of Safety. He is certified Paramedic, Firefighter 2, Fire Instructor, and Fire Officer 2. He works full time for Duane Arnold as Safety Manager.

Matt Lellig will be promoted to Lieutenant. He has been a member of the Fire Department since 2007. He is a certified Paramedic and Firefighter 2. Prior to joining Hiawatha he was a member of the Jessup Fire Department. He works full time at Iowa County Ambulance.

Chris Liscum will be promoted to Lieutenant. He has been a member of the fire department since 2013. He is a certified EMT, Firefighter 1 and Fire Instructor. He completed his Fire Fighter 2 and Fire Officer training. He has been serving as an acting Lieutenant the last 6 months. He also oversees the Exploring Program. He works full time for PerMar Security.

Brad Ransford is being reappointed to Captain. He has been a member of the fire department since 2005. He is a certified EMT, Firefighter 2, Fire Instructor, and Fire Officer 2. He has been serving as a Lieutenant, then Captain, since 2010. He is the Assistant Chief of Robins Fire Department and Linn County Haz Mat Team. He works full time for Linn County EMA as Logistics Officer.

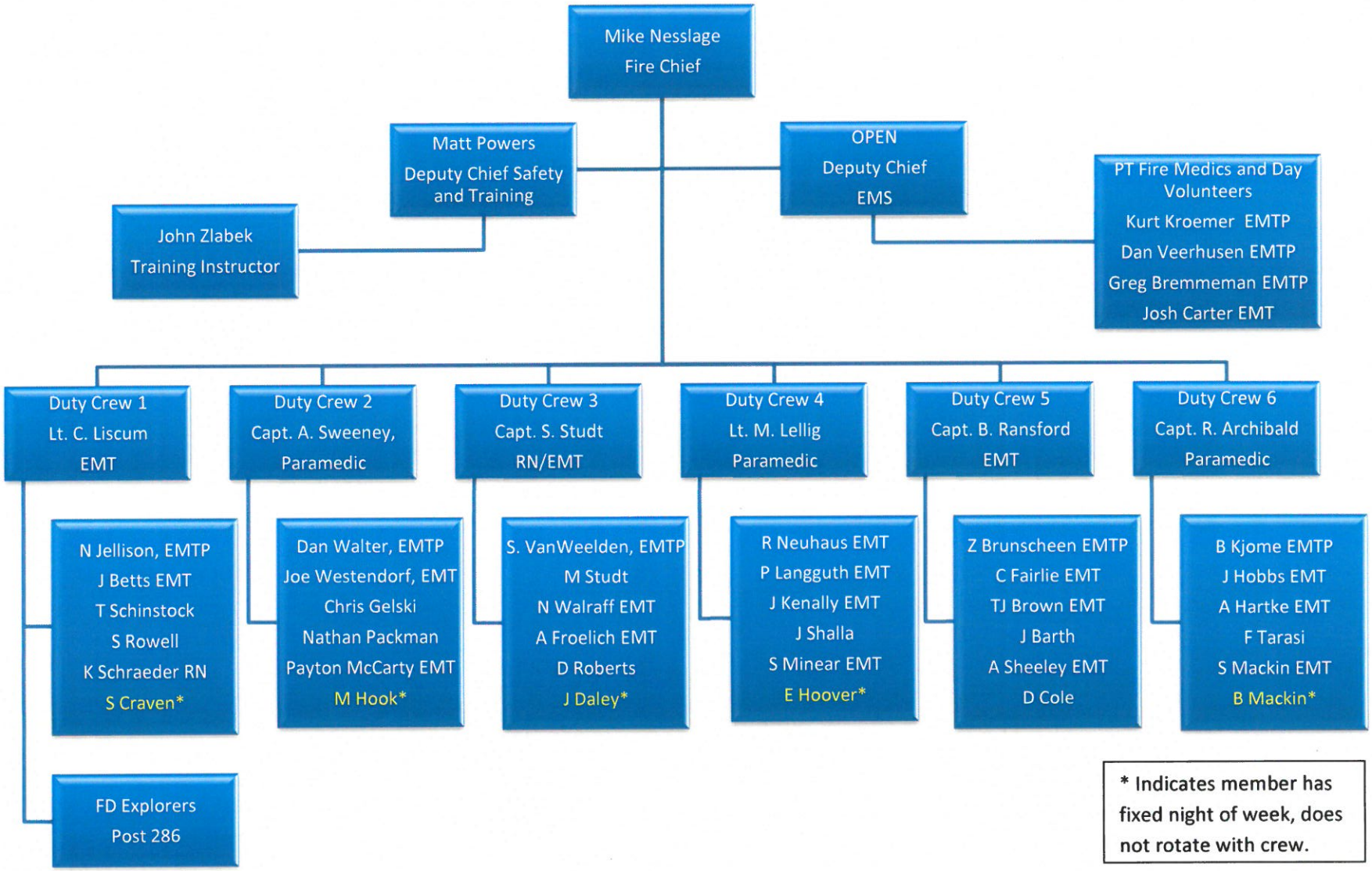
Scott Studt will be promoted to Captain from Lieutenant. He joined the fire department in 1998. He is a certified EMT, RN, and Firefighter 2. He joined the fire department in 1998 and has been serving as Lieutenant since 2005. He works full time for Mercy Hospital as a Critical Care RN in the Intensive Care Unit.

Andrew Sweeney will be promoted to Captain. He joined the fire department in 2003. He is a certified Paramedic, Firefighter 2, Fire Instructor, and Fire Officer 2. He previously served as the full time Deputy Chief of EMS. He works full time for Duane Arnold as a Fire Instructor.

Together, these gentlemen bring 74 years of experience, along with countless hours of training, leadership and life experiences, and a variety of backgrounds. We have met individually and discussed expectations and they are each very excited to move forward with the new crew system under the leadership of these officers.

Attached is a new organizational chart for the fire department. If you have any questions, please let me know.

Hiawatha Fire Department
June 2017



* Indicates member has fixed night of week, does not rotate with crew.