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HIAWATHA FIRE-RESCUE

MEMORANDUM

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR, HIAWATHA CITY COUNCIL

FROM: MIKE NESSLAGE, FIRE CHIEF

SUBJECT: APPOINTMENT OF FD CHAPLAINS

DATE: 4/27/2017

We have been working toward improving access to mental health and counseling for our volunteer firefighters. Part of that is to provide access to counseling during and after an event. There is a long history in the fire service of using chaplains to provide this support.

We have developed a partnership with St. Elizabeth Ann Seaton for them to help us with our Chaplain program. I am asking you to approve the appointment of four. Fire Department Chaplains: Fr. Mark Ressler, Deacon Dennis Mulherin, Deacon Frank Easton, and Deacon Scott Zogg. They will serve on a rotating basis and be available 24 hours a day to assist us. We are excited to have this partnership to provide good care to both our members and the community.

As always, let me know if you have any questions.