



Fire and Police Commission

Michael G. Tobin
Executive Director

Richard C. Cox
Chair
Carolina M. Stark
Vice-Chair
Kathryn A. Hein
Paoi X. Lor
Sarah W. Morgan
Commissioners



MEDIA RELEASE

For immediate release

March 18, 2010

For more information contact:
Michael Tobin, Executive Director 286-5000

FIRE CHIEF FINALISTS

The Fire and Police Commission (FPC) has identified five (5) finalists for the position of Fire Chief. There were forty-one (41) initial applicants. The five finalists will be interviewed at a public meeting in City Hall at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, March 24, 2010. Community members are encouraged to attend the public meeting and submit interview questions for the finalists. The public may also view biographical information of each finalist and submit interview questions in advance at the FPC's website www.city.milwaukee.gov/fpc/FireChief.htm.

Michael Tobin, Executive Director of the FPC, stated "The initial applicant pool had many well-qualified candidates. The applicant's qualifications were reviewed utilizing input received from the community at our public meetings. We also conducted a survey of community stakeholders to help us determine the qualities the public would like to see in the next Fire Chief. The finalists have undergone personal interviews, reference interviews, and a management leadership assessment conducted by an experienced independent consultant."

"The finalists will undergo additional interviews with the FPC on March 24 and 25, 2010. We encourage community members to attend the public interview at City Hall beginning at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, March 24, 2010."

"The final selected candidate must be an experienced fire services administrator who also possesses exceptional interpersonal and leadership skills. The next Fire Chief must be cognizant of the realities of our current budget constraints, while at the same time demonstrate the expertise and vision necessary to ensure the continued success of the Milwaukee Fire Department. The public interview will give the candidates an opportunity to demonstrate to the community the ability to communicate their vision and leadership expectations."

The five finalists are:

Donald Doro
Deputy Fire Chief
Milwaukee Fire Department

David Foster
Former Fire Chief
DeKalb County, GA Fire Department

Howard Giles
Former Fire Chief
Topeka, KS Fire Department

Mark Rohlfing
Fire Chief
Rapid City, SD Fire Department

Brian Sturdivant
Deputy Fire Chief
Scottsdale, AZ Fire Department

####