



## NEWS FROM CITY HALL

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### **Sanford City Manager appoints New Fire Chief after resignation of long term Fire Chief**

After a successful 32 year career with the Sanford Fire Department, Fire Chief Jerry Ransom announced his retirement yesterday. Chief Ransom started with the Sanford Fire Department April 6, 1981 as a Firefighter and served the last 10 years as Fire Chief. The Chief has taken a position with Broward County, FL Fire Rescue as Deputy Chief. Chief Ransom will remain with the City as Fire Chief until April 26.

City Manager Norton Bonaparte has appointed Sanford Deputy Fire Chief Craig Radzak to position of Fire Chief effective at the retirement of Chief Ransom. Chief Radzak started with the City of Sanford in 1992 as Firefighter/EMT. In 1998 he was promoted to Lieutenant and in 2003 promoted to Deputy Fire Chief. Chief Radzak had also assumed the role of Interim Deputy City Manager in 2008-2009.

Along with having many state certifications, Chief Radzak holds an Associate of Science in Emergency Medical Technology and an Associate of Fire Science Technology. The Chief's higher education includes a Bachelors and Master's Degree in Public Administration along with a Graduate Certificate in Urban and Regional Planning from the University of Central Florida. Chief Radzak is also a member of many professional organizations including the International Association of Fire Chiefs, Florida Fire Chiefs Association and the Central Florida Fire Chiefs Association.

Once Chief Ransom informed the City Manager he would be retiring, Mr. Bonaparte considered what process should be used to determine who would be the next Fire Chief. "Given Chief Radzak's experience, education and the respect he has within the Fire Department, it was a clear choice to me that he should be the next Fire Chief for the City of Sanford," said Bonaparte.

Bonaparte went on to say "I look forward to the leadership Chief Radzak will provide to the Sanford Fire Department as we move into the Department's next era." Chief Radzak will be paid \$101,125.

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