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**MEMORANDUM TO:** All Ontario Fire Chiefs

**FROM:** John McBeth  
Acting Ontario Fire Marshal

**DATE:** March 23, 2026

**SUBJECT:** Staffing Announcement: Deputy Fire Marshal

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I am pleased to announce that Bryan Burbidge will be joining the Office of the Fire Marshal (OFM), Ministry of the Solicitor General (SolGen) as the interim Deputy Fire Marshal, Field and Advisory Services, effective Monday, March 30, 2026.

Bryan joins the team with nearly four decades of fire service experience, progressing through frontline, command, and executive roles across multiple Ontario municipalities. He began his career as a volunteer firefighter before becoming a full-time firefighter. His leadership path advanced when he became Deputy Fire Chief and Fire Chief, retiring in Richmond Hill in 2025.

Bryan is a certified Firefighter and Company Officer, having graduated from the Ontario Fire College Company Officer program. He further enhanced his leadership expertise by earning a Masters Certificate in Municipal Leadership from the Schulich School of Business at York University. He is also a Certified Municipal Manager III, with Fire Service Professional and Emergency Manager designations.

His contributions have been recognized through several prestigious honours, including the Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal, the Government of Canada Exemplary Service Medal, and the Province of Ontario Long Service Medal.

Bryan's career demonstrates sustained leadership, professional growth, and a strong commitment to advancing fire services and community safety across Ontario.

Please join me in extending a warm welcome to Bryan and in wishing him well in his new role.

Sincerely,

John McBeth  
Acting Ontario Fire Marshal

c: Mario Di Tommaso, O.O.M.  
Deputy Solicitor General, Community Safety