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MEMORANDUM TO: All Ontario Fire Chiefs

FROM: Jon Pegg

Ontario Fire Marshal

DATE: May 1, 2025

SUBJECT: Deputy Fire Marshals

I'm writing to provide an important staffing update regarding two Deputy Fire Marshal positions within the Office of the Fire Marshal (OFM).

As you may be aware, since February, Carrie Clark has been doing dual duty as both the Deputy Fire Marshal, Field Advisory and Technical Services, and Deputy Fire Marshal, Fire Investigations and Emergency Response. I am pleased to announce that Carrie Clark will assume the position of Deputy Fire Marshal, Fire Investigations and Emergency Response on a permanent basis effective May 26, 2025.

Carrie joined the OFM seven months ago and has been a fantastic addition to our organization and a valued and collaborative member of the senior executive team. She has provided excellent leadership to Field Advisory and Technical Services and, more recently, Fire Investigations and Emergency Response. Carrie came to the OFM with 30 years of experience in management and community safety, which includes a 20-year career in the fire service. Carrie joined the OFM from Barrie Fire and Emergency Services where, in her last role, she was the Deputy Fire Chief, Manager of Communications, Fire Prevention and Public Education. I would like to take this opportunity to offer my sincere gratitude to Carrie for doing dual duty for the past few months and am very excited for her continued contributions and dedicated leadership in the Deputy Fire Marshal, Fire Investigations and Emergency Response role.

Carrie's move leaves a big gap to fill for Field Advisory and Technical Services. However, I am very pleased to announce that Brian Godlonton will be joining the OFM effective May 26, 2025, as the Deputy Fire Marshal, Field Advisory and Technical Services on a temporary contract basis while a long-term recruitment strategy to fill the role is completed.

Brian joins us from British Columbia where he is the Fire Commissioner, which is the province's senior fire authority responsible for overseeing fire safety legislation, emergency response coordination and intergovernmental partnerships. As Fire Commissioner, Brian provided expert advice on fire safety policy and led province-wide initiatives as well as chairing the National Fire Incident Database Committee through the Council of Canadian Fire Marshals and Fire Commissioners. Prior to that role, Brian served as Deputy Fire Chief and Acting Fire Chief with both Langley Fire Rescue Services and Vancouver Fire and Rescue Services where he directed large-scale operations and led change focused on improving safety, operational efficiency, and labour relations with a strong record of stakeholder engagement, policy development and delivering measurable results. Brian holds a Fire Officer Level 4 certificate, an Emergency Management Certificate, a Labour Relations Certificate from Queen's University and has also completed advanced leadership and management training through Royal Roads University and the City of Vancouver. Brian will be retiring from the BC Office of the Fire Commissioner in the coming weeks, and we are very fortunate to have Brian join us to provide us with his experience, expertise and leadership while we move forward with the recruitment process to fill this role on a long-term basis.

Please join me in congratulating Carrie on her appointment to the Deputy Fire Marshal, Fire Investigations and Emergency Response and in welcoming Brian to the OFM and wishing him well in his role as Deputy Fire Marshal, Field Advisory and Technical Services.

Sincerely,

Jon Pegg

Ontario Fire Marshal