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City of Fairfield Announces New Deputy Fire Chiefs

FAIRFIELD, Ohio – The City of Fairfield has named two new Deputy Fire Chiefs. Steven Conn and Chad Cooper will soon serve the City of Fairfield Fire Department in their new roles.

Cooper has been serving as a Fire Lieutenant for the City of Fairfield for the past 16 years. He currently oversees the Fire Unit 1 crew at Fire Company 33. Cooper is intimately involved in the City's EMS Operations serving as the EMS Lieutenant. Lt. Cooper is a State Certified Fire and EMS Instructor, State Certified Fire Safety Inspector, and is certified as a Fire Officer IV. Over his nearly 22 years with Fairfield Fire, Cooper has served the Department and Fairfield residents with hard work, dedication, and pride.

Conn has been serving as a Battalion Chief for Colerain Township Fire Department and has been a member of that Department since 1991. As the Battalion Chief, Conn is responsible for the safe and efficient operations of five fire stations with up to 34 personnel responding to 30-40 incidents per day. He is a nationally recognized speaker on a variety of fire service topics. Conn was heavily involved with the strategic planning process and forecasting future departmental needs during his time as a leader in Colerain. He holds a Master of Science in Organizational Leadership from the College of Mount St. Joseph.

Over the course of their careers in the fire service, Cooper and Conn have continually served their respective communities. The combined skillsets will be very beneficial to Fairfield's Fire Department as it transitions to becoming a full-time career department. City Manager Scott Timmer is confident that Cooper and Conn, who join Fire Chief Tom Lakamp and Deputy Chief Randy McCreadie, will continue to develop our Department and provide the leadership experience in line with the needs of our community. Furthermore, this addition to our command team will continue to elevate our Fire Department to the next level in providing top-notch service with cutting-edge technology, while staying grounded in time-honored principles and methods that have proven effective in the industry. Fire Chief Tom Lakamp is excited to complete the executive command team with such accomplished fire service leaders and looks forward to working with them to "advance the standard of excellence" for Fire and EMS service in the City of Fairfield.

Both are expected to assume their roles in July.