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September 26, 2016: Retirements, Promotions and New Hires

September 22, 2016 was the culmination of a month of significant changes at the Darien-Woodridge Fire Protection District.

In early September of 2016, the District lost over 50 years of combined experience with the retirement of Battalion Chief Mark Cooper and Battalion Chief James Skrabel. On September 9th, the Board of Trustees held a special meeting to consider the appointment of a Deputy Chief and during their regular Board Meeting on September 21st, 2016 swore in Lieutenant Darren Lino to the appointed position. Deputy Chief Lino will be working alongside the administrative staff in preparation for the upcoming retirement of Chief David Lambright in January and to assist in a smooth transition of leadership responsibilities. These personnel movements created several vacancies which were filled at a Promotional Ceremony held at the District's Headquarters on Thursday evening, September 22nd.

Lieutenant John Tabisz and Lieutenant James Karasek, both 26 year veterans of the District, were promoted to the rank of Battalion Chief.

Firefighter/Paramedics Jamie Tunk, Brian Skopec and Shawn Lamb were promoted to the rank of Lieutenant and Edward Vrba and Joseph Porcaro were sworn in as Probationary Firefighter/Paramedics. In mid-October, a third Probationary Firefighter/Paramedic will be sworn in to fill the vacancy created by Lieutenant Lino's appointment to the rank of Deputy Chief.

The event began with the posting of the colors by the Darien-Woodridge Professional Firefighters Local 3437 A.F.F.I. Honor Guard and the crowd of over 100 enjoyed cake and light refreshments following the ceremony.

Photos attached



Deputy Chief Darren Lino being sworn in by Chief David Lambright.



Helmets, Badges, Shields and Assignment Orders.



Left to right: Battalion Chief John Tabisz, Battalion Chief James Karasek, Lieutenants Jamie Tunk, Brian Skopec, Shawn Lamb, Probationary Firefighter/Paramedics Edward Vrba and Joseph Porcaro.

