



UPT Fire Chief Appointment

Upper Providence Township, Montgomery County, PA

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Upper Providence Township is pleased to announce the official promotion of Assistant Chief Mike Risell to Chief of Fire and Emergency Services. Chief Risell brings with him 45 years of experience in emergency services and has been with UPT since March 2020. Since the age of 16 he has served as an active volunteer with the Skippack Fire Company. He served as captain in a combination career/volunteer fire department prior to his employment at UPT.

States Risell, “I am honored the Township Supervisors have afforded me the opportunity and support to lead the Department of Fire and Emergency Services as their Fire Chief. This is an exciting time for the department as we transition to a 24 hour service level and near the completion of a new firehouse. We continue to work closely with Black Rock and Trappe Fire Companies as we work toward an operational consolidation. We respect and value our volunteers. Without them our Township could not function.”

Risell states he is committed to maintaining his volunteer bona fides and looks forward to working with UPT’s partner volunteer companies to build a strong and vibrant combination system that will provide the highest level of service to Township residents.

States Bill Starling, UPT Board Chairman, “Mike’s humble demeanor and great communication skills will serve the Township well as we move rapidly to a 24/7 service model.”

“Chief Risell’s willingness to step into this very responsible role testifies to his leadership presence and respect among the rank and file,” stated Timothy J. Tieperman, UPT Township Manager.

Chief Risell will be ceremoniously sworn in at the Board’s March 21, 2022 regular meeting.

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