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Village of Oak Brook

Press Release

Village of Oak Brook Appoints New Fire Chief

Oak Brook, Illinois (March 25, 2009) – Tom McEllin, Deputy Fire Chief of the Village of Oak Brook Fire Department was appointed by Village President John W. Craig and the Village Board of Trustees at their March 24, 2009 Village Board meeting.

Tom McEllin takes the oath of office as Fire Chief at a swearing-in ceremony on Friday, March 27, 2009 at 3:30 PM in the Samuel E. Dean Board Room of the Butler Government Center, 1200 Oak Brook Road, Oak Brook, Illinois.

McEllin began his firefighting career in 1977 with the United States Air Force. He was promoted to Firefighter Crew Chief in 1979. He was named Airman of the Year for Chanute AFB in 1980. In 1981 he was honorably discharged from the Air Force and continued his firefighting career with the Oak Brook Fire Department beginning in July. Through his career for the Village of Oak Brook, he has served the village in many ways, including firefighter/engineer, EMT-Paramedic, fire inspector, Dive Rescue Specialist, Water Rescue team coordinator and Division Training Coordinator, Technical Rescue Specialist, Company Officer and Paid-on-Call training Officer. He possesses Associates of Applied Science degrees in Fire Science and in Business Administration as well as a Bachelor's degree in Fire Science Management. He received his Master's degree in Public Administration from Lewis University in 2005. He has been the Deputy Chief of the Oak Brook Fire Department since 2005.

About the Village of Oak Brook:

Founded in 1958, the Village of Oak Brook is located 20 miles west of downtown Chicago and is in proximity to the junction of Interstates 88, 294, and 290. The Village consists mostly of residential subdivisions, with the exception of the Oak Brook Center shopping mall, other retail and office properties along 22nd Street and Interstate 88. Oak Brook is the home of many corporate offices, most notably, the world headquarters of McDonald's Corporation and the service club organization Lions Clubs International.