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Bill Chesney Named as Cambridge Fire Chief



Cambridge, Ontario. May 10, 2011... Cambridge City Council is pleased to announce the appointment of William (Bill) Chesney as Fire Chief for the Cambridge Fire Department.

Chesney joined the City of Cambridge Fire Department in 1976 as a Firefighter. He spent more than a decade in that role and quickly moved up the ranks. He has held a number of key positions within the organization including Captain of Fire Suppression, Platoon Chief and most recently Deputy Fire Chief-Administration.

Jim King, Chief Administrative Officer for the City of Cambridge, says Chesney brings considerable experience to the position. "He's got a significant track record with Cambridge." King notes that Chesney has ushered in important programs such as an internal records management system for training and suppression, and has supported the City's original certification with Emergency Measures Ontario.

Chesney kicked-off his educational training in 1972 with a certificate in Emergency Care from Conestoga College. He attained a diploma in Fire Protection Technology in 1992. He continued his educational training and specialized in public administration and emergency management having earned certificates from Ryerson and McMaster universities.

"The Cambridge Fire Department's mission is to save lives, prevent injury and protect property. I am proud to be serving the citizens of Cambridge and the surrounding communities with the help of the dedicated members of the Cambridge Fire Department," says Chief Chesney.

Chesney succeeds Terry Allen who retired from the position earlier this year.

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The City of Cambridge is one of the fastest growing areas in the country. It is strategically located astride highway 401 in Southwestern Ontario, part of Canada's Technology Triangle. In 2010, the population was over 130,000 people with a multicultural mix and a strong foundation of support services. Cambridge has a diverse economic base with leading industries in manufacturing, automotive, high technology, pharmaceutical, business and financial services and hospitality/retail. It's about choice, options and value when you become part of the community.

You meet the nicest people in Cambridge. It's a place that understands all about coming together. There is so much more to Cambridge than the beautiful lands created at the convergence of two rivers or its logistically perfect location in the heart of Ontario's economic corridor. Cambridge is the coming together of people from diverse, close-knit and proud communities. The people of Cambridge 'do the right thing' by respecting history, family values, a sound work ethic, the arts, environment and advancement. A young city, Cambridge is a master of balancing the excitement and promise of the new with the historical significance and stability of the old. A place where coming together is just the start. Uniting together is what sets Cambridge apart. Undiscovered-Cambridge families and entrepreneurs get more for less, and sacrifice nothing.

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