

Media Release



Hampton Division of Fire & Rescue



PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICER

DATE:	June 14, 2019	PIO LOG NO.:	FC Announcement
CONTACT:	Anthony Chittum, Battalion Chief		
CELL #:	757-810-2745	EMAIL:	achittum@hampton.gov
RELEASE TYPE:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> For Immediate Release	<input type="checkbox"/> Release On:	

The Hampton Division of Fire and Rescue is pleased to announce the appointment of Fire Chief Jason Monk. Chief Monk has served as Interim Fire Chief since September 2017 following the retirement of former Fire Chief David E. Layman. Prior to his role as interim fire chief, he served as the Division's Deputy Chief.

Chief Monk joined the fire and EMS service as a student volunteer with the Virginia Tech Rescue Squad while attending college. Chief Monk became a member of the Hampton Division of Fire and Rescue in 1997 as a Medic/Firefighter. Since becoming a career member with Hampton, he has served in field operations and administrative capacities, in both suppression and EMS. Chief Monk has served as Medic/Fighter, station officer, EMS Field Supervisor, Suppression Battalion Chief, and Chief Medical Officer.

Chief Monk was one of the first tactical medics with the Hampton Police Division's Special Weapons and Tactics Team (SWAT) and assisted in the development of tactical medicine programs in other jurisdictions. He has served as an Adjunct Professor with Tidewater Community College's Emergency Medical Services Program and continues to be a resource for the region's emerging leaders through the Hampton Roads Fire Officer Academy. As a member of the International Association of Firefighter's Logistics and Command Team, he assisted the Fire Department of New York following the attacks on New York City's World Trade Center.

Chief Monk has been instrumental in developing various health, safety, development, and leadership initiatives such as the Division's EMS Continuous Quality Improvement Program. Recently, he has placed particular focus on the physical and mental health and wellness of the members, to include cancer prevention and mental health awareness. Chief Monk has advanced the Division in many regards, building on the Division's past accomplishments and successes including being the only combination fire and rescue agency in Virginia to hold the dual status of accredited agency status with the Commission on Fire Accreditation International (CFAI) and an Insurance Services Office (ISO) rating of "A". Over the last eighteen months, he has led the charge in procuring the latest technology aimed at cancer prevention in personal protective equipment, budgeted for a second set of turnout gear for uniformed members, adding the 1.85 VRS multiplier for uniformed members, enhancing health and wellness equipment, and completed the Division's FY 19-21 Strategic Plan. He actively promotes the importance of ownership and leadership in all positions within the organization.

Chief Monk has a Bachelor of Science degree in Biology and Chemistry from Virginia Tech and a Master of Science in Management with an emphasis on Leadership and Organizational Effectiveness from Troy University. He received the Chief EMS Officer and Chief Fire Officer designations from the Center for Public Safety Excellence, and is a graduate of the National Fire Academy's Executive Fire Officer Program. Chief Monk is a National Registered Paramedic and is a member of the International Association of Firefighters, the International Association of Fire Chiefs, and Virginia Fire Chiefs Association.

He and his wife, Karen, have a son and daughter.

###END###

Citizens First Because WE Care!

Media Release



Hampton Division of Fire & Rescue



PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICER

###END###



Citizens First Because WE Care!