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Hanover Park Fire Chief Retires



Long time Hanover Park Fire Chief Craig A. Haigh will be retiring from the Village on Friday, July 2, 2021. Chief Haigh has served as Fire Chief for the past 19-years.

Haigh began his fire service career in 1983 as a volunteer in his hometown of Hampton (IL) and later became a full-time firefighter with the City of Rock Island (IL). He served as the Fire Chief for the City of King (NC) before coming to Hanover Park.

Chief Haigh took over the Hanover Park department shortly after the merger of the Ontarioville Fire Protection District into the Village. He is credited with professionalizing this new Village department. Over the years he created the department's Inspectional Services Division, the Fire Corps Rehab Response Team, and the Chaplain Program. He has managed the Village's strategic planning process for many years and did a short stint as the Interim Village Manager. Chief Haigh is known for his work in research and has developed several firefighter life safety operational practices that are used by departments internationally.

Chief Haigh said, *"Over the past nineteen years I have had the honor of serving as fire chief. I believe that we have accomplished many things that have positively impacted the residents, businesses, and visitors of our community. I am extremely proud of our department and believe that our level of service is second to none."*

When asked about his greatest accomplishment and how he views his legacy as fire chief he said, *"For me it is about the people. The people who need us and those who answer the call. The people I have had the opportunity to impact and the lives I have touched, they are what really matter to me, I see them as my true legacy as a leader."*