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City of Batavia Announces Fire Chief Appointment

Batavia, March 16, 2017 – City Manager Jason Molino announced today that Stefano (Steve) Napolitano has accepted the position of the City’s new fire chief. Chief Napolitano will be leaving his current position as Deputy Fire Chief for the Village of Herkimer, NY, and begin his Batavia post on April 17, 2017.

“It has been a long and thorough search to fill this important position with the City’s fire department,” said Molino. “Steve brings with him a great breadth and depth of experience in the fire service and has the proven skills and passion for leadership that we’ve been looking for. I look forward to introducing him to our community.”

In addition to his 25 years with Herkimer’s fire department, Chief Napolitano has served as a New York State Fire Instructor since 2006. He continues to conduct training at the State Academy of Fire Sciences in Montour Falls, NY. Napolitano also worked as Deputy Director of the Herkimer County Office of Emergency Services from 2008 through 2015 where he assisted in development, revision and implementation of local disaster and emergency management plans, along with assisting in the county 911 dispatch communication center and the administration of the county’s mutual aid plan, mutual aid radio system and state fire training.

Chief Napolitano, who has two adult children; a daughter, Alyssa and a son, Steven, will relocate to Batavia. “I anticipate becoming an integral member of the community and immersing myself in various civic organizations,” said Napolitano. “In addition, the City is experiencing many quality of life enhancements, and along with being able to work with an outstanding group of men and women in providing critical services to the citizens of Batavia, I’m looking forward to taking advantage of all the community has to offer.”

Molino also thanked Interim Chief Dan Herberger who has served in the temporary capacity for a little more than a year. “Chief Herberger has proven himself to be an outstanding senior leader and integral member of our management team.” Molino went on to say that Herberger contributed immensely not only to the fire department but to the entire City through his wisdom, work ethic and incredible sense of commitment.

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