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Village Board Swears-In Fire Lieutenant, Firefighters and Police Officer; Recognizes Retirements

Hinsdale, Ill. – On June 12, the Hinsdale Village Board recognized several public safety employees who were either promoted or sworn-in: Firefighter/Paramedic Steven Tullis was promoted to the position of Fire Lieutenant; Firefighter/Paramedics Michael Lorusso and Sergio Navarro were sworn-in to the Fire Department; and Police Officer Matthew Root was sworn-in to the Police Department.

The Village also recognized the retirements of Fire Captain Kevin Votava, Fire Lieutenant Donald Newberry, and the 25-year service anniversary of Police Officer Steven Ruban.

Swearing-Ins

Lieutenant Steven Tullis began his career with the Hinsdale Fire Department in 2005. He is the department's Public Information Officer, a peer fitness trainer, runs the Citizens Fire Academy with Firefighter/Paramedic James Nichols, creates the department's annual report, is a CPR instructor, helps manage the annual charity softball event, and manages the department's complete inventory of hose and water appliances. Steven is a member of the International Association of Fire Chiefs. Steven is also very active with the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation, volunteering his time to write, speak and present to departments and family members who experienced a line of duty death.

Firefighter/Paramedic Michael Lorusso grew up in Roselle and attended Lake Park high school, where he played football and excelled in academics. Michael has an Associate's Degree in Fire Science from the College of DuPage. He is an Illinois licensed Paramedic. He obtained his advanced firefighter training from the NIPSTA Fire Academy and is certified by the Illinois State Fire Marshall's Office. Michael worked for the Roselle Fire Department as a Firefighter/Paramedic and has worked for Elmhurst Hospital as a Paramedic Technician.

Firefighter/Paramedic Sergio Navarro grew up in Los Angeles and later attended Bolingbrook High School. He has an Associate's Degree in Applied Science from College of DuPage, and graduated with academic honors. He obtained his training in Basic Operations Firefighter and Advance Technician Firefighter at the NIPSTA Fire Academy, and completed his paramedic training at Edward Hospital in Naperville. Sergio was employed as an orthopedic assistant in the Hinsdale area, and has most recently worked part-time as a Firefighter/Paramedic with the Chicago Ridge Fire Department, and as a contract Firefighter/Paramedic with the West Chicago

Fire Protection District. He is a certified advanced Firefighter and Illinois State Licensed Paramedic.

Police Officer Matthew Root was hired by the Village in December of 2017. He recently graduated from the Suburban Law Enforcement Academy, obtaining a certification as a Police Officer and is now in the Field Training and Evaluation Program. Matthew has a Bachelor's Degree in Criminal Justice from Illinois State University.

Retirements & Recognitions

Captain Kevin Votava was member of the Fire Department for over 33 years, and was the first licensed Paramedic to join the Department. Captain Votava held the ranks of Lieutenant, Deputy Chief, Training Officer, Captain, and Emergency Management coordinator. He completed the Illinois Professional Emergency Manager certification from the Illinois Emergency Management Agency. With this certificate he is able to qualify the Village for additional Emergency Management Grants and funding. Captain Votava has an Associate's degree in Fire Science, and a Bachelor's degree in Fire Science Management, and completed the Illinois Fire Chiefs Chief Fire Officer Program. In 2016, Captain Votava was a recipient of the prestigious Hartman Award, which was given by the Good Samaritan Hospital EMS system to members of the Fire Department for saving the life of a construction worker.

Lieutenant Donald Newberry was a 28-year member of the Fire Department and was a Paramedic for 29 years. He has an Associate's Degree in Fire Science from the College of DuPage and has logged over 120 hours of classwork at the National Fire Academy in Emmitsburg, Maryland. He received the prestigious Hartman award from Good Samaritan Hospital for outstanding paramedic performance twice during his career. Newberry completed his Chief Fire Officer Certification from the Illinois Fire Chiefs Association, as a provisional status, and received a 100 Club award, as well as a Unit citation, in 2013 for the rescue of a resident from a structure fire. Lieutenant Newberry was the coordinator of the MABAS Division 10 Technical Rescue Team.

Police Officer Steven Ruban was recognized for 25 years of service to the Village. Steven started his career with the Village as a 911 dispatcher. He also worked as a Meter Enforcement Officer and a Community Service Officer. Steven was hired as a Police Officer in 1991. He has worked as a Field Training Officer and oversees the vehicle seizure program. Steven holds a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Communications.



Steven Tullis is sworn-in to the position of Fire Lieutenant.

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