



Firefighter Relief Fund Board of Trustee Appointment

To: Davidson Board of Commissioners
From: Bo Fitzgerald, Fire Chief
Date: March 26, 2019
Re: Firefighter Relief Fund Board of Trustee Appointment

1. OVERVIEW

The Local Firefighters' Relief Fund was established to provide support for firefighters and their families should a firefighter be killed or injured in the line of duty, or if they, through no fault of their own, suffer financial loss to the extent that they can no longer provide basic provisions to themselves or their families. North Carolina General Statute 58, Article 84 requires that the local relief fund be managed and governed by a Board of Trustees. This board consists of five trustees, two of whom are appointed by the local governing body and two of whom are appointed by the fire department membership. The fifth is appointed by the North Carolina Commissioner of Insurance.

Previously, the two local governing body appointments were held by Ben Yarborough and Ron Powell. In February, after years of dedicated service on the Davidson Fire Department Local Firefighters' Relief Fund Board of Trustees, Ben Yarborough announced that he was stepping down from his position. Pursuant to General Statute 58-84-30, the vacated position must be filled by an individual appointed by the Town of Davidson Board of Commissioners.

2. RELATED TOWN GOALS

N/A

3. OPTIONS/PROS & CONS

N/A

4. FYI or RECOMMENDED ACTION

The Davidson Fire Department recommends that the appointment be filled by David Rainey. David has faithfully served on the Davidson Fire Department LFFRF Board of Trustees for over ten years in the capacity of treasurer. His position was one of the two elected by the fire department membership. In February, the department elected to place an internal member in this position, which is a common practice throughout the state. David has expressed his willingness to continue his service, and it is our view that he would be a perfect candidate to fill Mr. Yarborough's position. The applicable general statute has been attached.

5. NEXT STEPS

If approved, David Rainey will serve effective April 1, 2019.