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A Letter from the Fire Chief to our Community



It is truly an honor and my pleasure to serve this community as the Chief of the Burlington Fire Department. I began my career with the City of Burlington as an animal shelter employee. My days consisted of cleaning kennels and providing care for the animals. I was able to acquire my emergency medical technician – basic certification and began to look for a career. Police Officer David Barr advised me that I could seek a career in the fire service. Knowing very little about the fire service and never considering that the fire service was an option, I began to seek answers. Shortly thereafter I was offered the opportunity to transfer from the Police Department to the Fire Department.

From 2008 to 2018, I was able to learn the ins and outs of firefighting and customer service. I was able to perform CPR with positive results, extinguish house fires, treat burn patients, and use the Jaws of Life to free our community members from wrecked vehicles. As one who has risen through the ranks, I was able to share my true passion of altruism and selfless service for others. I can undoubtedly share with you that the Burlington Fire Department is comprised of individuals who will unselfishly lay down their lives to save yours.

Our compassionate, caring, and highly trained firefighters' primary mission is to provide you with a level of service that you deem efficient, effective, and necessary. I stand proxy on their behalf to see that this is met and will work with my Administration Team to see that our services are continually evaluated and improved upon for the benefit of our community.

I look forward to serving as the Chief of Burlington Fire Department for many years to come! I am certain that you will see me out and may see me show up on an emergency incident. In closing, should you have any concerns or would like to share a statement of gratitude for your firefighters, please feel free contact me. Be safe, check your smoke alarms, and know that we are proud to serve you!

Thankful,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jay L. Mebane".

Jay L. Mebane
Burlington Fire Chief