



Dayton City Manager Announces New Fire Chief

HERBERT REDDEN HAS MORE THAN 30 YEARS OF FIREFIGHTING EXPERIENCE

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Dayton City Manager Rashad Young today announced that Herbert C. Redden has been selected as Director and Chief of the Dayton Fire Department. Redden, who has been serving as Interim Director and Chief since May, will assume the position effective October 20, 2008. His annual salary will be \$112,000.

Redden has more than 30 years of professional firefighting experience, including serving as Dayton's Assistant Chief of Emergency Operations from early 2005 to mid 2008 and several leadership positions with the Memphis, Tennessee, Fire Department.

In Memphis, Redden served nearly eight years as Deputy Director of a department with approximately 1,600 employees and held several other management or supervisory positions after joining the department as a firefighter in 1969. He retired from the Memphis Fire Department in January of 2000.

Redden's management experience includes oversight of the full scope of firefighting functions, including incident command, hazardous materials mitigation, disaster response, investigation, building inspection, and administrative duties including personnel and program management. His education and training include an MS in Operations Management (University of Arkansas, 2001) and 16 National Fire Academy courses.

"Herb Redden brings a remarkably strong variety of management skill and firefighting experience to the job of Dayton Fire Chief," said City Manager Rashad Young. "He has already demonstrated outstanding dedication and leadership in our city. Dayton residents and businesses will continue to experience top quality firefighting and EMT services under his direction."

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