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John B. O'Reilly, Jr., Mayor

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Mayor O'Reilly appoints longtime firefighter Dean Creech deputy chief of Dearborn Fire Department

DEARBORN, Mich. – Mayor John B. O'Reilly, Jr. appointed longtime firefighter Dean Creech deputy chief of the Dearborn Fire Department on Monday.

Creech, 40, brings a wealth of professional training and practical experience to the post, where he will serve as second in command to Fire Chief Nazih Hazime.

“Dean’s professionalism, leadership and dedication to protecting the public made him the right choice for this critical position,” Hazime said. “The people of our city will be well served with him in this new role.”

A member of the Dearborn Fire Department for the past 18 years, Creech – who was a Battalion Chief before assuming his new rank – served as Emergency Medical Services (EMS) coordinator for the last five years.

He is a graduate of management programs at the National Fire Academy in Maryland, and a graduate of the Eastern Michigan University Fire Staff & Command program. Before joining the Dearborn Fire Department, Creech served four years as a firefighter in the U.S. Air Force.

As deputy chief, his focus will be on overseeing the department’s day to day operations.

“It will be a lot of work on issues like maintaining our buildings, preparing the budget – the behind the scenes things that need to get done so our firefighters can do their jobs for the public,” Creech said.

He looks forward to the new challenges that the job will bring, and said that “it’s great to work for an administration that puts public safety as its top priority.

“Dearborn is a great community to work for,” Creech added. “I’m very blessed.”

A 1985 graduate of Riverview High School, Creech and his wife, Suzanne, have six children and one grandchild.