



CITY OF NEW BEDFORD
JONATHAN F. MITCHELL, MAYOR

January 5, 2022

President Pro Tempore Linda Morad
and Honorable Members of the New Bedford City Council
133 William Street
New Bedford, MA 02740

Dear President Morad and Honorable Members of the Council:

I hereby appoint Scott Kruger as Chief of the New Bedford Fire Department and ask that you confirm this appointment at your earliest convenience.

As you know, the New Bedford Fire Chief is a Civil Service position. As such, the selection of a candidate to fill the position is determined by performance on a state-administered examination/assessment process established by state law. The City recently received the results from the most recent fire chief examination/assessment, and Chief Kruger was ranked first among those eligible for appointment to the position.

Chief Kruger has served the City admirably for 31 years in various roles at Emergency Medical Services and the New Bedford Fire Department, including service as Acting Fire Chief since August 2020. As Acting Fire Chief he has demonstrated strong leadership, leading the Fire Department capably through some of the most challenging periods of the pandemic.

I've enclosed a copy of Chief Kruger's resume for your review.

Sincerely,


Jon Mitchell
Mayor

cc: City Clerk
Personnel

SCOTT KRUGER

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Acting Fire Chief & EMT Paramedic

- Highly motivated Acting Fire Chief with over ten years of fireground command and chief officer leadership experience.
- Demonstrated leadership supporting team members in daily station tasks, training, and all emergency response activities.
- Committed to continuous learning in all aspects of emergency preparedness, emergency medical services, fireground operations, incident command and leadership skills, and current on all required training.

Education & Credentials

Norfolk Bristol Ambulance Training, EMT-Basic course January - May 1990, **Certified EMT-MAST**

New Bedford Fire Department Training Academy November - December 1993, Basic Firefighting Academy, obtained **Firefighter 1 certification**

Safety Program Consultants Inc, Dighton, MA, Paramedic Class #2 September 1993 - June 1994 EMT-Paramedic Program. **Nationally Registered EMT-Paramedic -November 1994**

Basic Fire Investigation, MA Firefighting Academy, Stow, MA, March 2001. **Successfully completed forty-eight-hour course**

Fire/Arson Investigation, National Fire Academy, Emmitsburg, MD September 2002. **Successfully completed ninety-six-hour course.**

Bristol Community College, Fall River, MA • Fire Science Technology, Associates Degree, September 1995 – December 2000, Academic Honors

Juvenile Firesetter intervention Specialist 1, National Fire Academy, November 2007

Fire Prevention Officer - Basic, Office of the State Fire Marshall, August 2012

Professional development training and continuous education classes as required.

All licenses and certifications are current and up to date.

Professional Experience

New Bedford FIRE DEPARTMENT (New Bedford, MA) 1993-Present

Acting Fire Chief, New Bedford Fire Department - August 2020-Present

- Assist the Department Administrative Manager in all budgetary matters. Coordinated and interfaced with members of city government including the Mayor and City Councilors. Maintained a strong working relationship with other department heads including the Chief of Police, Building Commissioner, and the Director of EMS.

Acting Deputy Fire Chief, New Bedford Fire Department - 2019-2020

- Supervised all department suppression and personnel activities. These responsibilities included all fleet and equipment maintenance, training, and procurement issues. Personnel responsibilities include scheduling, discipline, and training.
- Worked in conjunction with the Head of Fire Prevention on matters involving plans review, complex code compliance issues, and large fire investigations.
- Assumed the role and responsibility of the Fire Chief in his absence.

District Fire Chief, New Bedford Fire Department - 2010–2019

- Supervises all fire suppression, training, and inspectional activities in their respective area. Including scheduling manpower for oncoming shifts and filling vacancies.
- Provides incident command for any/all incidents including but not limited to structure fires, motor vehicle accidents, hazardous materials incidents, medical incidents, maritime or airport incidents, or any incident requiring the dispatch of two or more apparatus.

Captain, New Bedford Fire Department - 2006–2010

- Assigned as Captain of Ladder Company 4 from 2006 - 2007.
- Responsible for maintenance, scheduling of inspections, and company operations for the four duty shifts assigned to apparatus.
- Functioned as the Incident Commander at a variety of incidents in the absence of the on-duty District Chief.
- Assigned to Fire Prevention Bureau from 2007 — 2010. Functioned as the Head of Fire Prevention and reported directly to the Chief of the Department.
- Supervised four Lieutenants, one firefighter, and two clerks. Responsible for enforcement of MGL Ch. 148, CH. 148A, and 527 CMR as well as assisting the Lieutenants and firefighter in enforcement matters.
- Scheduled all code enforcement and complaint inspections, conducted all fire protection system plan review and acceptance testing.
- Represented City in all criminal cases heard in Housing Court, non-Criminal (Ch. 148A) citations, Ch. 148A ticket appeals, and sprinkler appeals.
- Supervised and assisted the Lieutenants in fire cause and origin investigations and coordinated an Arson Task Force consisting of personnel from the New Bedford Fire Prevention Bureau, Police, Building Department, and State Fire Marshall's Office from 2008-2009. Obtained expert witness status for testimony at District, Superior, and Juvenile Court in New Bedford and Fall River. Testified in numerous arson trials resulting in guilty pleas or guilty verdicts.

Lieutenant, New Bedford Fire Department - 2001–2006

- Assigned to the Fire Prevent Bureau as a Fire Inspector/Investigator from 2001-2004.
- Conducted fire code inspections and complaint investigations in accordance with MGL Ch. 148 and 527 CMR as well as conduction fire cause and origin investigations in accordance with NFPA 921 standards.
- Reported to the Deputy Chief of Department.
- Assigned as a company officer to Ladder Co. 1 from 2004-2006.
- Responsible for any necessary fire ground activities including suppression, safety, and incident command, reporting to a District Fire Chief.

Firefighter, New Bedford Fire Department - 1993–2001

- Employed as a firefighter and tasked with maintaining assigned fire apparatus and equipment in a state of readiness.
- Completed all necessary fire service activities including suppression, safety, and chauffeuring of apparatus.
- Assigned to Fire Rescue 1 from 1998-2001 and received technical rescue training and responded to all working fires, vehicle extrications, hazardous materials incidents, and rescue calls for service throughout the City.

Alert Ambulance Service Fall River, MA & Paramedic Systems Inc, Bristol, RI - 1990-2000

- Functioned as an EMT-Basic from 1990-1994 and EMT-Paramedic from 1994-2000.
- Functioned as an EMT-Paramedic staffing an advanced life support intercept unit for the Town of Bristol, RI.

Previous Employers include

City of New Bedford Emergency Medical Services — 1991–1993

City of Fall River Fire Department Emergency Medical Services -1995–2001

STAT Ambulance Service, Dartmouth, MA 1999–2005

Town of Acushnet Emergency Medical Services, 2005–2008

Specialized Training & Activities

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| • American Heart Association BLS, ACLS, and PALS Instructor | • Background employment investigations for all perspective firefighter candidates since 2011 |
| • American Heart Association Training Center Coordinator (TCC) since 2016-2019 | • Developed SOPs for Fire Department administered Naloxone and EPI-PENs |
| • Interface with the EMA Director with disaster and the City's COVID-19 response activities and developed department response guidelines | • Worked with NBEMS to obtain and develop a training program for CyanoKits for the treatment of smoke inhalation patients |
| • American College of Surgeons 'Stop the Bleed' Instructor | • NREMT Training Officer 2011-2019 |
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Commendations

September 25, 1995. The undersigned and another firefighter assigned to Engine Co. 6, made entry into a single-family home involved in fire, searched, and rescued an unconscious eighty-nine-year-old female victim.

December 22, 1999. The undersigned along with another firefighter were assigned to Rescue Co. 1 arrived on scene of a three-family dwelling heavily involved in fire to find an elderly male screaming for help from a third - floor window. He quickly became unconscious, and we made our way to his third-floor apartment and conducted a right-hand search, located the victim below a window, and carried him out to safety and began rescue breathing. The elderly male made a full recovery.

Reference available upon request
