



FIRE CHIEF TO RETIRE

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The city of St. Joseph has announced the retirement of Fire Chief Mike Dalsing. After more than 41 years of service with the organization, Chief Dalsing will retire on June 10.

Dalsing started with the fire department on December 10, 1979, taking over as chief in September 2008. He was designated as a Chief Fire Officer (CFO) by the Commission on Professional Credentialing in 2015 and was an active member of International Association of Fire Chiefs, Missouri Fire Chiefs, and the Kansas City area Heart of America Fire Chiefs. Dalsing served on the boards of the Safety and Health Council, United Way and St. Joseph Youth Soccer Association.

During his years of service, Dalsing was instrumental in pushing for first responders on the department and helped teach several of the classes. As fire chief, he continued the push for enhanced medical response by requiring EMT licenses. He oversaw the completion of new fire stations 9, 11 and 12, as well as the groundbreaking for the new station 8.

Dalsing served 23 years in the Missouri Air National Guard with the last eight years as chief of the deployable fire department. He was certified as a paramedic throughout most of his career.

Kenny Cordonnier will serve as the interim fire chief. He is a 39-year member of the fire department and has spent the last nine years as the Chief of Fire Prevention. Serving as backup to Chief Dalsing, Cordonnier has extensive knowledge of the day-to-day operations of the department and will provide continued leadership throughout the interim period.

A reception will be announced at a later date.

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