



FIRE CHIEF RETIREMENT RECEPTION

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A reception to recognize the retirement of Fire Chief Mike Dalsing will be held on Tuesday, June 8, beginning at 4:30pm in the lobby of City Hall. Comments will be made at 5:15pm. The public is invited to attend.

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.

The city of St. Joseph congratulates Mike on his more than 41 years of service to the organization and the community.

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