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PRESS RELEASE

Mayor Dickinson announced today that Joseph Czentnar, currently a Deputy Fire Chief, is appointed as Fire Chief in the Town of Wallingford effective July 12, 2021. "Chief Czentnar participated in a selection process that included candidates from outside of Wallingford employment. We are pleased to announce that he possesses the intelligence, experience, skills and temperament to serve our community in this very responsible position," the Mayor stated.

Chief Czentnar began his career in the Fire Department in 1992. Prior to that he was active in the North Branford Volunteer Fire Company. He served as a Battalion Chief/Shift Commander for 11 years and approximately 7 years as a Deputy Fire Chief. As Deputy Emergency Management Director he has assisted in response to several incidents. Currently he is a State of Connecticut Certified Fire Marshal.

Recently he has responsibly contributed to the needs and challenges of emergency fire response. A co-project manager with the Police Department on the \$6.2 million radio communications upgrade, he also helped to implement a new response and staffing model for the Fire Department which adds a third engine company, Advanced Life Support on all engines, and a new transport ambulance division operating 24/7.

We are pleased to welcome Chief Czentnar and look forward to his leading the Fire Department and protecting our community.

William W. Dickinson, Jr.
Mayor

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