

FIRE DEPARTMENT

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**BELOIT PFC ANNOUNCES SELECTION FOR ASSISTANT CHIEF, DEPUTY CHIEF**  
Beloit Fire Department also hiring 8 new firefighters.

**Feb. 6, 2018** - The Beloit Police & Fire Commission is pleased to announce the selection of Daniel Pease as assistant chief and the promotion of Beloit Fire Lt. Jason Griffin to deputy chief for the Beloit Fire Department following a nationwide search. The Beloit PFC approved three additional promotions and the hire of eight firefighters during its meeting on Monday, Feb. 5.

The new firefighter hires are contingent upon the successful completion of a drug screening and physical test.

“Congratulations to all of our new hires and to our newly promoted members of the Beloit Fire Department,” said PFC President Mardell Jacobsen. “These men and women join a rank of highly skilled and talented members who are dedicated to making Beloit a healthy, safe community. We look forward to seeing how each of these men and women make a positive impact on the Beloit community.”

Pease will begin as assistant fire chief on March 2. The promotions, including Griffin’s promotion to deputy chief, are effective on Monday, Feb. 12. All new firefighter hires begin their careers with the Beloit Fire Department on Monday, Feb. 19.

“We interviewed many strong applicants, and we are excited about the caliber of candidates approved by the Police & Fire Commission,” Beloit Fire Chief Bradley Liggett said. “We look forward to training all of our new firefighter/paramedics so we can continue to serve the community at a high level of service.

“We also opened up our assistant and deputy fire chief positions for a national search to ensure we were getting the best candidates to help lead our department to best serve the residents of Beloit. We are confident that all our firefighters will benefit from the leadership and mentorship abilities from our new assistant chief and deputy chief.”

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Pease is currently the fire chief at the Highland Park Fire Department, a position he has held since 2014. He moved his way through the ranks after beginning his career with the Highland Park Fire Department as a firefighter/paramedic in 1987. He currently serves on the Board of Directors for Mutual Aid Box Alarm System (MABAS) Division 3 and the Northern Illinois Public Safety Training Academy, as well as serving as chair for the City of Highland Park's Safety Review Board.

Pease's recent accomplishments include negotiating and implementing an intergovernmental agreement to provide fire, EMS and inspection services for the City of Highwood in 2015 and 2016, negotiating a three-year contract agreement with the Illinois Association of Fire Fighters Local 822 in 2015, and maintaining the department's accreditation status in 2017.

As fire chief, Pease was responsible for a \$7.3 million budget and led a department of 49 firefighters/paramedics. As assistant chief for the Beloit Fire Department, Pease will be second in command, leading the department's fire rescue operations and personnel management. Pease will also serve as a shift commander, overseeing one of the department's 24-hour shifts.

Pease holds a Bachelor of Arts in fire science technology from Southern Illinois University and a Master of Business Administration in business/public administration from Columbia Southern University.

Griffin joined the Beloit Fire Department in 2000 and was promoted to acting lieutenant in 2009. He also served as a lieutenant for the Rockton Fire Protection District from 1995 to 2005 and as a firefighter/intern for the Fitchburg Fire Department.

During his career at the Beloit Fire Department, Griffin has demonstrated his leadership abilities in his lead roles in new recruit training and on the department's swift water rescue team, which was deployed to Burlington, WI, for last year's flooding. He's also a squad officer for the Wisconsin Urban Search and Rescue Task Force with deployments in the Cambria, WI, factory explosion and for Hurricane Irma. Griffin has also taken an active role in community outreach with fire prevention and the Junior Fire Setters Program.

Griffin holds an associate degree in fire science from Madison Area Technical College, and an associate in homeland security and a Bachelor of Science in fire science from Lake Superior State University in Michigan.

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The PFC also promoted:

- Keith Lynn from acting lieutenant/motor pump operator to lieutenant
- Jessica Flanagan from acting lieutenant/relief motor pump operator to motor pump operator
- Matt Biddick from firefighter to relief motor pump operator

The PFC also approved the hiring of the following firefighters, contingent upon the successful completion of a drug screening and physical.

- Brooke Ames
- Major Cain
- TJ Huffman
- Nicholas Keating
- Storm Ladue
- Decarlos Nora
- Gabriel Quetell
- Edward (Ian) Richardson

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