



## Port Hope Hires Deputy Fire Chief

April 7, 2017

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**Port Hope, ON** – On April 7, 2017, The Municipality of Port Hope is pleased to announce that Reno Levesque has been hired to the position of Deputy Fire Chief for the Port Hope Fire & Emergency Services Department, effective April 24<sup>th</sup>, 2017.

Deputy Fire Chief Designate Levesque has been the full-time Training Officer with the Town of Georgina Fire Department where he oversaw training forty career and sixty volunteer firefighters as well as three fire prevention staff members. Prior to his employment with the Town of Georgina he was an active member of the Wasaga Fire Department.

Through his commitment to fire service professional development and continuing education, he has completed programs with Dalhousie University and the Ontario Fire College. He is a valued Adjunct Instructor with the OFC and is an active member of Ontario's Office of the Fire Marshal & Emergency Management's Provincial Technical Rescue Committee.

"Council is pleased to welcome Reno Levesque to his new position as Deputy Fire Chief with our municipality," Mayor Bob Sanderson said. "We are confident that his skills and years of experience will benefit the Port Hope Fire & Emergency Services Department and support the continued delivery of fire protection services in our community. We are also happy to see Reno's skillset blending with the exceptional leadership we have with Fire Chief C. Ryan Edgar. Together they will provide the guidance and support our department needs for years to come."

Fire Chief Edgar is quite excited for Reno to assume his duties and begin working with the great team of firefighters already serving the community. "I am confident that Reno's team first approach and ability to motivate those around him will bode well for our department", Edgar said. "I believe his demonstrated skillset will assist us in continuing to modernize our fire service and I am looking forward to working with him."

As Deputy Fire Chief, he will be assisting the Fire Chief with the leadership, supervision and administration of over 70 dedicated members. He will also be responsible for the operations of the department's fire prevention and training divisions.

"I am very excited and honoured to be joining the department", Deputy Fire Designate Reno Levesque said. "I look forward to bringing my passion for the fire service to the Municipality of Port Hope and want to thank the Municipality and Chief Edgar for this opportunity."

Deputy Chief Designate Levesque can be reached at the Fire Administration Office at (905) 753-2230 or by email at [rlevesque@porthope.ca](mailto:rlevesque@porthope.ca) after April 24<sup>th</sup>, 2017.

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