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# **MAYOR ANNOUNCES SELECTION OF NEW FIRE DEPARTMENT LEADERSHIP**

*New Chief, Deputy Have Combined 54 Years of Syracuse Fire  
Service*

*Miner: They Are Consummate Professionals who Bring Strength  
of Character to Leadership Positions*

SYRACUSE, N.Y. – Mayor Stephanie A. Miner has announced she will appoint Paul Linnertz as the next Fire Chief for the City of Syracuse. Additionally, she will appoint Kent Young as the First Deputy Chief of the Department.

“Both of these men have had distinguished careers in the Syracuse Fire Department and are dedicated public servants,” said Syracuse Mayor Stephanie A. Miner. “They are consummate professionals who bring strength of character to these leadership positions in challenging times. The Syracuse Fire Department will be well served with these men at the helm.”

Paul Linnertz, currently the Deputy Chief for Administration, has been with the Department since March 1985. Promoted to Lieutenant in 1990, he worked in Fire Prevention, Communications, and at various Engine Companies. In 1999, he was promoted to Captain and then became a member of the Administrative Staff as the Safety Officer. Promoted again to District Chief in 2004 and then Deputy Chief in 2012, he served as Administrative Chief for the Department. Prior to joining the Fire Department, Paul Linnertz served as a Department of Defense firefighter at the Seneca Army Depot and later at Griffiss Air Force Base. He attended Onondaga Community College.

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Kent Young has served with the Syracuse Fire Department since July 1985. He is currently a District Chief who is assigned to the West Side. Previously, he was responsible for coordinating the Emergency Medical Services program. Young is also a trained paramedic. He is currently completing studies towards a Bachelor of Professional Studies degree in organizational leadership at University College. He also holds degrees from the SUNY Health Science Center and Eisenhower College of the Rochester Institute of Technology.

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