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# **MAYOR MINER PROMOTES NEW LEADERSHIP IN FIRE DEPARTMENT**

*In City Hall Ceremony, Mayor Promotes New Chief, Deputies,  
District Chiefs, and Captain*

*Miner: I Am Excited to Usher In a New Generation of  
Leadership*

SYRACUSE, N.Y. – Mayor Stephanie A. Miner promoted a new team of leadership for the Syracuse Fire Department today. In a city hall ceremony, the Mayor elevated the new Chief, the First Deputy, , two District Chiefs, and a Captain.

“I am excited to usher in a new generation of leadership at the Fire Department,” said Syracuse Mayor Stephanie A. Miner. “These officers are Syracuse’s finest and we are a safer city because of them.”

“I am humbled and honored to have been chosen as the next leader of the firefighters of the City of Syracuse,” said new Chief Paul Linnertz.

The newly promoted officers are:

Paul Linnertz, Chief of Department: Chief Linnertz currently serves as Deputy Chief for Administration. A firefighter since March, 1985, he has served the department in a variety of capacities including safety officer, District Chief, and in fire prevention. Chief Linnertz was previously a federal firefighter at the Seneca Army Depot and Griffiss Air Force base. He is a trained respiratory therapist and studied at Onondaga Community College.

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Kent Young, First Deputy Chief: Kent Young currently serves as a District Chief. A trained paramedic, Kent has been with the Syracuse Fire Department since 1985 and held numerous positions. . He was part of a special delegation to Trinidad and Tobago to teach and study emergency services. He has studied Organizational Leadership at University College of Syracuse University, Respiratory Therapy at the SUNY Health Sciences Center and Biochemistry at the Rochester Institute of Technology.

Mark Zoanetti, Deputy Chief: Mark Zoanetti currently serves as a District Chief. An Air Force veteran, he has served the Syracuse Fire Department for nearly three decades. He holds an two AAS degrees from Onondaga Community College, one in Fire Protection Technology and one in Emergency Management and Homeland Security. He received the Arthur Jenkins Medal in 1999.

Glen Chandler, District Chief: Glen Chandler is a lifelong Syracuse resident and grew up on Webster Avenue in the shadow of Station 8. A firefighter since 1985, he will be the first African American District Chief in the Syracuse Fire Department. He is a graduate of Onondaga Community College.

Robert Whitehead, District Chief: Robert Whitehead will be promoted to District Chief. He first started working for the City of Syracuse as a crash rescue worker in 1983 and joined the Fire Department in 1994. Currently, he serves on the Emergency Medical Services committee and is the Secretary of the Syracuse Firefighter's Association. He received the Hamilton White Award in February, 2013.

Robert Heron, Captain: Robert Heron joined the Syracuse Fire Department in 1984 and was assigned to Engine Company 3. He was promoted to Lieutenant in 1999.

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