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**Falmouth Fire-EMS Announces Promotion of Deputy Chief Jay Hallett**

Falmouth Fire-EMS Chief Howard Rice, Jr. is pleased to announce that long-time Deputy Chief Jay Hallett has been named the new Assistant Chief of the department. A lifelong resident of Falmouth, Deputy Chief Hallett has served with Falmouth Fire-EMS since 1975 and has held every position from Firefighter to Deputy Chief. He was appointed to his most recent role as Deputy Fire Chief in 2000. Deputy Chief Hallett also served in the important capacity as the Interim Fire Chief in 2005 and 2007 and as the Interim Fire Chief in 2007 he assisted in the search process that brought in the current Fire Chief, Howard Rice.

A new position that was added in the budget this past year, the fulltime Assistant Chief serves as the 2<sup>nd</sup> in command of the department. In addition to being the primary backup for the Fire Chief, the Assistant Chief will work closely with the call members of the department and will coordinate the needs of the three fire stations in town and their members. This will include maintenance of the fire stations, the fire apparatus, and all of the equipment owned by the department. He will develop and manage a life safety inspection program that will ensure fire codes are followed in the businesses and public buildings throughout the town. He will also manage capital projects for the department and help coordinate emergency management efforts town-wide.

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