

City of East Providence Roberto L. DaSilva Mayor



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## East Providence Fire Department promotes 11, including fire chief

EAST PROVIDENCE, RI – The City of East Providence Fire Department promoted 11 members of the fire service during a ceremony held on Tuesday, Dec. 2.

Family, friends and East Providence Fire Department staff looked on as a new fire chief, two battalion chiefs, three captains, four lieutenants and the city's first rescue lieutenant took the fire department oath and were officially sworn into their new rank by Mayor Bob DaSilva.

"All of you possess the bravery and commitment that it takes to be a member of the fire service," Mayor Bob Dasilva said. "Each day when you walk into your firehouse you do it not knowing what your tour will bring.

"The sacrifice you make is not only willing to give your life to save someone else, sacrifice is also spending time away from your loved ones, from your family on holidays, missing your children's first steps or first words, not being able to attend your child's soccer games or school events," DaSilva added. "Being a firefighter is not an 8 to 4 job, it's a 24/7 job.

Newly promoted Chief Glenn J. Quick told the newly promoted staff: "You're the leaders of tomorrow. Never stop training. Never stop learning your craft. Your knowledge is going to protect you."

In addition to Quick's promotion to chief the following members of the East Providence Fire Dept. were promoted:

- Michael O'Melia Battalion Chief
- Theodore H. Hopkins III Battalion Chief
- Scott Weber Captain
- Joseph A. daSilva Captain
- Douglas Drainville Captain
- Joseph Donato IV Lieutenant
- Adam L. Christina –Lieutenant
- Daniel J. Pion Lieutenant
- Joseph W. Burns Lieutenant
- Joseph D. Horn Rescue Lieutenant

"These are the individuals right here who have the boots on the grounds, who are riding the rigs and working calls on the streets," Quick added. "They save lives every day."



PHOTO CAPTION: Chief Glenn Quick accepts his official fire chief helmet and certificate of promotion.



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PHOTO CAPTION: Newly promoted East Providence Fire Dept. Chief, battalion chiefs, captains and lieutenants, pose with Mayor Bob DaSilva and the EPFD Honor Guard.



PHOTO CAPTION: The city's first ever Rescue Lieutenant, Joseph D. Horn (middle) poses with Chief Glenn Quick (left) and Mayor Bob DaSilva (right).

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