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Ulman Names William Goddard Acting Fire Chief

ELLICOTT CITY, MD – Howard County Executive Ken Ulman announced today that he has chosen William F. Goddard III to replace Joseph Herr as acting head of the County Department of Fire and Rescue Services; Goddard will begin leading the department on March 1 when Chief Herr retires.

William Goddard has over 30 years experience in Maryland Fire and Rescue Services, most of that time was spent in the Prince George's County (MD) Fire Department. Goddard worked his way from firefighter to Chief Deputy in that department; he has also served as Executive Officer in the State Fire Marshal's Office and as a Fire Commissioner in Calvert County. Goddard also has extensive management experience, having served as the Deputy Secretary of State of Maryland and as Chief of Staff at the Maryland Department of Transportation. He served in the United States Navy/Marines.

"I am excited Bill has agreed to lead our Fire Department, his extensive background in emergency services and management brings a unique perspective that I believe will help us make a great department even better," said Executive Ulman.

Goddard said he was honored to have been chosen and ready for the challenges before him. "This is a strong department and I look forward to taking it to the next level."

Retiring Chief Joseph Herr added, "I have known Bill Goddard for many years, and County Executive Ulman made the right choice – Bill's experience in every aspect of fire and rescue services gain him instant credibility with his co-workers and the citizens of Howard County."

Presently Goddard is Vice President of Development for the Michael Companies, Inc., in Lanham, Maryland.

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