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**NEWPORT FIRE DEPARTMENT
ANNOUNCES PROMOTIONS**

The Newport Fire Department has announced the promotion of Rob Murphy to the position of Assistant Chief and Fire Marshal. Murphy joined the Fire Department in 2003, and previously served as the Training Officer and Relief Engineer. He is also a paramedic and certified fire inspector. Murphy replaces Toby Cole, who is currently serving as Acting Fire Chief and planning to retire on July 1, 2011.

Brian Haggerty and Brandon Webber were both appointed to the position of Lieutenant in Company One of the Newport Volunteer Fire Department. Haggerty and Webber have years of experience with the department and are active volunteers.

City Manager, Jim Voetberg, noted that “these three firefighters have worked hard; served the city well; and are very deserving of the promotions.”

The Fire Department has two stations in Newport - the main station is located at 245 NW 10th Street and the substation is located immediately west of the airport. The stations are manned 24/7 by paid staff and supported by a cadre of volunteers.



Rob Murphy, newly-appointed Assistant Chief and Fire Marshal for the Newport Fire Department.

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