

Meet new Halton Hills Fire Chief John deHooe

Having lived most of his 60 years in the Oakville area, new Halton Hills Fire Department Chief John deHooe says it feels like he's come back to his former stomping grounds.

deHooe started his career in 1979 as a firefighter with the Town of Oakville. He served five years as Fire Chief for the City of Waterloo and five years as Fire Chief for the City of Ottawa, a position he held until 2015.

I'm very familiar with the region and know some of the key individuals in emergency services and politically in the area, so it's very much a homecoming for me, said deHooe, a Toronto native.

The quaintness of Halton Hills being a suburban-rural community certainly resonates with me in terms of quality of life and that's what my wife and I look forward to. Another area that I look forward to is contributing to the strategic discussions and visioning with the (Town's) Senior Management Team.

deHooe said he's staying with the family of his son Adam, also a firefighter, in Hillsburgh

until finding a home in the area. deHooe succeeds Brent Marshall, who had served as Fire Chief since 2007.

Marshall will continue in his role as the Town's Chief Administrative Officer and Chief. deHooe's first day was Sept. 6.

I am very familiar with John and his approach to emergency services. His commitment to the community and to the people who work in fire services is exactly the kind of person we wanted, said

Marshall.

Among deHooe's accomplishments with the Ottawa Fire Service included making the department more inclusive, helping to implement a new mental health awareness program, oversight over the opening of two new fire stations and strengthening partnerships with Ottawa police and paramedics.

He also led the department through an 18-month process to gain accreditation from the Commission on Fire Accreditation International.



JOHN DEHOOE

Halton Hills Fire Department holds ceremony for 9/11

The Halton Hills Fire Department marked the 15th anniversary of the Sept. 11, 2001 terrorist attacks in the U.S. with a ceremony Sunday morning.

Nearly 3,000 people, including hundreds of emergency responders, perished in the attacks on the World Trade Centre in New York City, the Pentagon in Washington, D.C. and an airplane in rural Pennsylvania.



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