

Halton Hills Fire department appoints Assistant Deputy Chief

Bryce Marshall has been appointed as the Halton Hills Fire Department's new Assistant Deputy Chief.

"Bryce has a long history with the Halton Hills Fire Department and is a life-long resident of Halton Hills," said Com-

missioner and Fire Chief John DeHooge. "He joined our ranks as a part time firefighter in 2002, became a full time firefighter in 2004 and has steadily climbed through the ranks as Acting Captain in 2011 and Captain in 2015. He is the Fire

Department's project lead on the HHFD Mobile Data System, NICE recording system, Fire-house software, GIS Data and Trunked Radio programs."

Bryce's certifications, designations and training include Community

Emergency Management Coordinator (CEMC), Basic Emergency Management, Emergency Management Exercise Programs, Certified Municipal Manager (CMM), Fire Officer Level II, Fire Inspector Level I, Public Fire and Life Safety

Education, Fire Service Instructor Level II, Trainer Facilitator, Fire and Explosion Investigator, Flashover, Ontario Association of Training Officer Forcible Entry Instructor, SCOTT SCBA Maintenance, and many more.

"On behalf of Members

of Council and myself, I would like to extend our congratulations to Bryce on his new appointment," stated Mayor Rick Bonnette. "Bryce's experiences in his role as a Captain and firefighter will make him a valuable addition to the Fire Department Senior Leadership Team."

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By: Les Schmidt

The fire call came in shortly after 9:30 Monday morning for a property on Highway 7, just east of Rockwood, at the corner of the 7th Line in Guelph - Eramosa Township. The home and large shop were unoccupied, but the home was receiving some minor renovations. Officials said that a total of six fire departments were involved, primarily supporting the water shuttle required at this rural location. Tankers

from Guelph-Eramosa, Acton, Puslinch, Guelph, Fergus and Erin-Hillsburg were seen shuttling to and from the site.

By early afternoon, fire fighters had brought the blaze under control and were working to douse remaining hot spots and check the stability of the remaining structure. Fire officials estimated the damage to be in the \$1 million range. Fire Chief John Osborne from Guelph - Eramosa Fire Department, indicated that there were no injuries to fire fighters,

but that he had concerns because of the risks associated with ice and the cold temperatures.

Firefighters worked diligently, but cautiously to secure the building for inspection. Chief Osborne indicated that they hadn't yet entered the building, "Once we have determined the structural integrity of the building, we'll be able to begin our investigation. So at this time we do not know what caused this fire." Given the number of fires at vacant buildings in the

area over last several months, investigators will be looking for clues that link this fire to others. However, initial comments from the first crews on the scene didn't suggest that there was any connection. "There were no footprints in the snow around the building, it was pristine, and there were no signs of forced entry when we first arrived," said one crew member. Fire Marshal officials were on the scene, waiting to begin their investigation.

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