

MONARCH FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

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New Assistant Chief: Monarch Board announces new Assistant Chief

Chesterfield, MO - The Board of Directors of the Monarch Fire Protection District is pleased to announce the hiring of Cary Spiegel for the position of Assistant Chief. He will replace recently retired former Assistant Chief John Borgmann. The Board interviewed candidates last week and after careful consideration of the qualifications of each, determined the best choice is Mr. Spiegel who meets and exceeds all of the criteria necessary for this important command position.

Mr. Spiegel formerly served as Deputy Chief of the District, having worked his way through the ranks, starting as a Private in 1979. In 1992 he was promoted to the position of Captain and, in 1999 he completed training to become a licensed paramedic. Mr. Spiegel was promoted to Chief Medical Officer in 1999 and in 2005 he was named the first Deputy Chief of the Fire District. Mr. Spiegel holds a Bachelor of Science Degree in Business and a Master of Science Degree in Management.

Mr. Spiegel's exemplary career with the Monarch Fire Protection District was interrupted in late 2011 when he was accused of misdeeds, which the majority of this Board has determined were unfounded. A lengthy trial which included thousands of pages of depositions and sworn testimony resulted in a monetary penalty to the District of a fraction of what was sought by two former and two current employees. Mr. Spiegel was never connected to the accusations of the prevailing plaintiffs.

Mr. Spiegel possesses the skills, background and integrity to be an excellent Assistant Chief in leading the District into the future. This will mark the first time in the history of the District that a staff officer with a paramedic license and background in advanced life support has held the position of Assistant Chief. Since approximately 70 percent of emergency calls in the District are EMS related, Monarch will now join most of its neighboring fire districts and departments in employing an Assistant Chief or Chief with a paramedic license among the highest ranking positions of the District.

Retired long-time Chief Clifford Biele told the Board that Spiegel always routinely responded to major emergency calls on his own, and was frequently at work in the District well beyond his regularly scheduled hours. The Board anticipates the same work ethic from the new Assistant Chief.

The Board is honored to welcome Cary Spiegel back to Monarch as its new Assistant Chief.

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