

Mayor Hamilton,

First and foremost, thank you for the opportunity to lead the firefighters of the City of Bloomington Fire Department and for your support during my nearly eight-year tenure as fire chief. Together we have accomplished great things that have improved firefighter safety and the overall emergency service delivery to the citizens of Bloomington.

From stabilizing and standardizing the poor equipment, apparatus, and stations to making incremental, innovative, and sustainable improvements to service leading to a reduction of fire fatalities; there is no doubt in mind that I made good on my promise to you to leave things better than I found them.

With the foundations that we laid through your support of new tax revenue; the department is on a great path to avoid ever getting back to the alarming condition it was when I was hired and maintain its excellent ISO 1 rating. While more work is needed, the department has the best diversity demographics in its 123 years of operation.

The new Mobile Integrated Healthcare program is already being recognized across the State as a shining example of how the government can truly fill the gaps in service and improve the quality of life of those in need. I am proud of our personnel who are some of the most passionate and professional public servants I have had the pleasure to work with and know that they are properly prepared to handle whatever the community needs.

Even though the mayor-elect has opted to re-appoint me as the fire chief, I believe the City and department deserve a leader who is in alignment with the future trajectory and vision of the new leadership.

It is with confidence and gratitude that I submit my letter of resignation. I am committed to a professional transition and will be available to continue my duties until December 31, 2023. It is my intention to prepare any summary documents or transitional plans to ensure continuity of leadership and operations. After which, I will be happy to make myself available to provide context or assistance in the future challenges that may need the institutional knowledge that I may not be able to pass on before my departure.

Again, thank you for trusting me to serve the wonderful community that has been home to my family and I, we will never forget our time here.

Respectfully,

Jason Moore
Fire Chief
City of Bloomington