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## **FIRE DISTRICT ANNOUNCES APPOINTMENT OF BERT LANCASTER AS INTERIM FIRE CHIEF**

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The Fox River and Countryside Fire/Rescue District announces the appointment of Assistant Chief Bert Lancaster as Interim Fire Chief effective August 23, 2021. Chief Lancaster is a 30 year veteran of the fire service and joined our Department on December 1, 2020. Previously, he was an Assistant Chief with the South Elgin Fire District.

Chief Lancaster was sworn in immediately following Monday's Special Meeting of the District's Board of Trustees.

The Board terminated the remaining portion of the employment agreement with Chief John R. Nixon. The three year agreement provided both parties an early termination option which the Board elected to exercise.

"Bert has incredible knowledge and experience that he brings to his new assignment," said District President Kristin LeBlanc. "We are definitely optimistic about the future of our District under his leadership."

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