

## **MEDIA RELEASE**

Chief Bill Ireland leaving KV Fire

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ROTHESAY, NB – The Kennebecasis Valley Fire Department is looking for a new chief.

After more than 10 years at the helm of the KVFD, Bill Ireland is leaving his post to take a senior management position with a municipality outside the province.

"I have thoroughly enjoyed my time with the Kennebecasis Valley Fire Department," Ireland said. "The men and women under my command provide exemplary service to the 30,000 residents of Quispamsis and Rothesay. I want to thank them for their dedication and commitment."

Ireland joined the KVFD in March 2009 as division chief. He succeeded Larry Greer as fire chief in April 2010. The native of Burk's Falls, Ont. has been a professional fire fighter for 32 years.

"We have a first-class fire service in the Kennebecasis Valley," said Quispamsis Coun. Kirk Miller, the chair of the KV Fire Board. "Although we are sorry to see Chief Ireland go, we wish him the best. His successor will have big boots to fill."

Miller said the fire board accepted Ireland's resignation with regret, and the search for a new chief will begin immediately.

Ireland will remain on the job until Feb. 4. Deputy Chief Dan McCoy will become the acting chief upon Ireland's departure until the new chief is hired.

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