

## **Klotz named new Fire Chief**

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The Village Board recently named Steve Klotz as the Village's new fire chief, a role he's been filling in an interim basis since July.

Chief Klotz has been in the fire service industry for more than 40 years and most recently held the position of battalion chief for the Bedford Park Fire Department. He joined the Village in 1993 and has been serving as deputy chief of fire suppression since 2013.



Chief Klotz was instrumental in converting the volunteer fire department to a part-time organization in 2001. He has worked closely with neighboring communities to set up automatic-aid agreements, overseen the construction and operation of Fire Station 47, served as incident command for numerous fires and large-scale events, and was part of the Unified Command COVID-19 response for the mass vaccination site for the State of Illinois.

Chief Klotz holds many certifications, including the Chief Fire Officer (CFO) certification.