



## CITY OF BURLINGTON

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### FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

#### **BURLINGTON –**

The Common Council and Police & Fire Commission are pleased to announce the selection of Alan Babe as the City of Burlington's next Fire Chief. Mr. Babe was selected from a group of six qualified applicants from both Illinois and Wisconsin. Alan Babe is a 21 year veteran from the Town of Raymond Fire and Rescue Department, and comes to the City as an experienced Firefighter/ EMT. He is currently finishing out his eleventh year as the Fire Chief. The Town of Raymond has approximately 41 volunteers.

Mr. Babe worked his way up the ranks through this volunteer organization from Firefighter, Captain and Assistant Chief holding several professional certifications including Fire Fighter I, Fire Fighter II, EMT-Intermediate Technician, National Incident Management System (NIMS), Hazmat Operations, Driver MPO training and certified Fire Inspector for the State of Wisconsin.

Aside from leading the Town of Raymond as their Chief, Alan Babe has had a strong professional career in the private sector as an automotive refinish sales and service expert and manager. He is excited for the opportunity to use his business knowledge and expertise, combined with a passion for public service, to add value and contribute to the City of Burlington.

In his spare time, he has also served as the President of Racine County Fire Chief's Association for two separate terms, and is currently the Vice President. Mr. Babe will take over a department with approximately 47 volunteers and four paid fire personnel, including three engineers and a fire inspector.

Mr. Babe is scheduled to be officially sworn in at the June 21, 2016 Common Council meeting following appointment by the Council.

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