



Certificate of Promotion

CAPTAIN

February 17, 2026

Greetings,

I would like to recognize the promotion of Prevention Division Coordinator, Lieutenant Donnie Blankenship, to the rank of Captain. Lieutenant Blankenship has met all prerequisites set forth for the aforementioned promotion.

Blankenship has been employed with the City of Dalton Fire Department since November 2002. Donnie progressed through the suppression ranks making Firefighter 3 in February 2011 before being reassigned to the Fire Prevention Division as an Inspector in November 2015. Donnie was promoted to the position of Prevention Division Coordinator in January 2024, then earned the rank of Lieutenant in January 2025. During his tenure in the Prevention Division, Lieutenant Blankenship has completed numerous certifications through the State of Georgia, National Board on Fire Service Professional Qualifications, and International Code Council that prove invaluable in the performance of his assigned duties. Additionally, Lieutenant Blankenship has been a certified fire investigator since March 2016 and oversees all fire investigations activities within the department.

I would appreciate your support in recognizing Lieutenant Donnie Blankenship with the rank of Captain.

Thank you all for your consideration.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Matt Daniel", is written over a horizontal line.

Matt Daniel
Fire Chief