



## Certificate of Promotion BATTALION CHIEF

March 17, 2026

Greetings,

I would like to recognize the promotion of Captain Damion Epps to the rank of Battalion Chief. This promotion fills the vacancy left by the recent retirement of Battalion Chief Brandon Bray. Captain Epps has met all required prerequisites set forth for the rank of Battalion Chief.

Captain Epps has been employed with the City of Dalton Fire Department since March 1999. Prior to joining our department, Epps served in the United States Army. Since joining our department, he has progressed through all ranks within the suppression division and has been serving as a Captain on A-shift since May 2019. During his tenure with the department, Epps has attended numerous classes on tactics, leadership, and management. He has also participated as a member of the Georgia Search and Rescue task force and is an Emergency Medical Technician. Captain Epps has served the department for several years as a certified fire investigator and routinely assists in the training and education of newly certified investigators.

Please join me in recognizing Captain Damion Epps for his promotion to the rank of Battalion Chief.

Respectfully,

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Matt Daniel  
Fire Chief



## Certificate of Promotion BATTALION CHIEF

March 17, 2026

Greetings,

I would like to recognize the promotion of Captain Jason Harris to the rank of Battalion Chief. This promotion will fill the vacancy left by the upcoming retirement of Battalion Chief Alan Ridley. Captain Harris has met all required prerequisites set forth for the rank of Battalion Chief.

Captain Harris has been employed with the City of Dalton Fire Department since February 1998. During this time, he has advanced quickly through the ranks and routinely displays a willingness to better himself through training while simultaneously assisting his fellow firefighters with their professional development. Jason does a great job managing and leading his assigned crews. According to his current Battalion Chief, he has been a tremendous asset in assisting with day-to-day operations and shift management. Captain Harris' fireground tactics are excellent and he is committed to the safety and wellbeing of all personnel under his command. Jason is a member of the department's Special Operations Team and is the lead instructor and overseer of our surface water rescue program.

Please join me in recognizing Captain Jason Harris for his promotion to the rank of Battalion Chief.

Respectfully,

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Matt Daniel  
Fire Chief



## Certificate of Promotion

### CAPTAIN

March 17, 2026

Greetings,

I would like to recognize the promotion of Lieutenant Scott Brock to the rank of Captain. This promotion will fill the vacancy left by the promotion of Battalion Chief Damion Epps. Lieutenant Brock has met the required prerequisites set forth for the rank of Captain.

Lieutenant Brock was employed with the City of Dalton Fire Department in December 1998. During his career with the department, he has gained invaluable experience with a vast array of emergencies preparing him for the decision making required for this position. Scott has continued to prove himself as a capable leader within the ranks of the department and has gained the respect of our personnel. He has the experience, leadership skills, and temperament to make him a great leader at the Captain level. Since being promoted to the rank of Lieutenant in August 2012, Brock has performed admirably, developing into a trusted and competent fire service leader.

Please join me in recognizing Lieutenant Scott Brock for his promotion to the rank of Captain.

Respectfully,

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Matt Daniel

Fire Chief



# Certificate of Promotion

## CAPTAIN

March 17, 2026

Greetings,

I would like to recognize the promotion of Lieutenant Mike Sloan to the rank of Captain. Lieutenant Sloan has met all required prerequisites set forth for this promotion.

Lieutenant Sloan has been employed with the City of Dalton Fire Department since February 1999. Mike was promoted to the rank of Lieutenant in January 2010. Since that time, Lieutenant Sloan has continued sharpening his skills as both a firefighter and a leader. He has developed into a well- respected leader among his peers, and has become active in succession planning through continued training and development of his subordinates. He is self-motivated and exhibits initiative in every aspect of our profession. Mike has amassed an impressive training profile which spans all disciplines within the fire service. Lieutenant Sloan is also a member of the department's Special Operations Team and a 2005 graduate of the Georgia Smoke Diver program.

Please join me in recognizing Lieutenant Mike Sloan for his promotion to the rank of Captain.

Respectfully,

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Matt Daniel  
Fire Chief



# Certificate of Promotion

## LIEUTENANT

March 17, 2026

Greetings,

I would like to recognize the promotion of Engineer Andy Brock to the rank of Lieutenant. This promotion will fill the vacancy left by the promotion of Captain Scott Brock. Engineer Brock has met all required prerequisites set forth for this position.

Engineer Brock has been employed with the City of Dalton Fire Department since July 2011. Andy was promoted to the rank of Engineer in January 2017. Since that time, Engineer Brock has earned the respect of his peers through his dedication and has frequently served in an acting officer capacity. Andy's Battalion Chief reported he has become a respected leader among the ranks on his shift. He also stated Andy continuously works to improve his performance and displays the attributes the City of Dalton Fire Department expects from our leadership. Engineer Brock is a member of the department's Special Operations Team and a graduate of the Georgia Smoke Diver program.

Please join me in recognizing Engineer Andy Brock for his promotion to the rank of Lieutenant.

Respectfully,

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Matt Daniel

Fire Chief



## Certificate of Promotion

### LIEUTENANT

March 17, 2026

Greetings,

I would like to recognize the promotion of Engineer Casey Jones to the rank of Lieutenant. This promotion will fill the vacancy left by the promotion of Captain Mike Sloan. Engineer Jones has met the required prerequisites set forth for the rank of Lieutenant.

Engineer Jones was employed with Dalton Fire Department in January 2013. Prior to joining our organization, Casey served as a firefighter for the City of Valdosta Fire Department. Throughout his tenure with our department, Engineer Jones has gained invaluable experience with a vast array of emergencies preparing him for the decision making required for this position. Casey has continued to prove himself to be an informal leader within the ranks of the department and has gained the respect of his coworkers. He has the experience, leadership skills, and temperament to make him a great leader for our department. Since being promoted to the rank of Engineer in October 2019, Jones has had multiple opportunities to ride up as officer-in-charge, where he has performed admirably, developing into a trusted and competent leader.

Please join me in recognizing Engineer Casey Jones for his promotion to the rank of Lieutenant.

Respectfully,

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Matt Daniel

Fire Chief



# Certificate of Promotion

## LIEUTENANT

March 17, 2026

Greetings,

I would like to recognize the promotion of Engineer Josh Peek to the rank of Lieutenant. This promotion fills the vacancy left by the retirement of Lieutenant Steve Bennett. Engineer Peek has met all required prerequisites set forth for this position.

Engineer Peek has been employed with the City of Dalton Fire Department since March 2008. Josh was promoted to the rank of Engineer in April 2015 and has since acted as officer-in-charge on numerous occasions. During this time, Josh has proven to be more than capable with the ability to manage and lead crews very efficiently. Engineer Peek has amassed an impressive training profile which spans all disciplines within the fire service, and he regularly instructs at fire service conferences across the country. Josh is a member of the department's Special Operations Team and is a graduate of the Georgia FLAMES program.

Please join me in recognizing Engineer Josh Peek for his promotion to the rank of Lieutenant.

Respectfully,

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Matt Daniel

Fire Chief



# Certificate of Promotion

## ENGINEER

March 17, 2026

Greetings,

I would like to recognize the promotion of Firefighter Andrew Carlson to the rank of Engineer. This promotion fills the vacancy left by the promotion of Lieutenant Andy Brock. Firefighter Carlson has met the required prerequisites set forth for the rank of Engineer.

Firefighter Carlson was employed with the City of Dalton Fire Department in August 2017. Prior to joining our organization, Firefighter Carlson was a collegiate swimmer at Ball State University where he graduated with a bachelor's degree in exercise science. Andrew is a member of the department's Special Operations Team and holds numerous technician level certifications for technical rescue and hazardous materials response. Firefighter Carlson has also served as a physical training instructor for our recruit program over the last several classes and is a graduate of both the FLAMES and Georgia Smoke Diver programs.

Please join me in recognizing Firefighter Andrew Carlson for his promotion to the rank of Engineer.

Respectfully,

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Matt Daniel

Fire Chief



## Certificate of Promotion

# ENGINEER

March 17, 2026

Greetings,

I would like to recognize the promotion of Firefighter Tyler Higgins to the rank of Engineer. This promotion fills the vacancy left by the promotion of Lieutenant Josh Peek. Firefighter Higgins has met the required prerequisites set forth for the rank of Engineer.

Firefighter Higgins was employed with the City of Dalton Fire Department in August 2015. Firefighter Higgins graduated from Northwest Whitfield High School and attended North Georgia College and State University in Dahlonega. According to his current officers, Firefighter Higgins shows great pride and a strong work ethic on a daily basis and is an asset within his assigned company. In addition, Tyler sets a great example for younger firefighters and continually aids in their professional development. Firefighter Higgins is a graduate of the Georgia Smoke Diver program.

Please join me in recognizing Firefighter Tyler Higgins for his promotion to the rank of Engineer.

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Matt Daniel

Fire Chief



# Certificate of Promotion

## ENGINEER

March 17, 2026

Greetings,

I would like to recognize the promotion of Firefighter Jake Warnix to the rank of Engineer. This promotion fills the vacancy left by the promotion of Lieutenant Casey Jones. Firefighter Warnix has met all required prerequisites set forth for this position.

Firefighter Warnix was employed with the City of Dalton Fire Department in July 2020. Jake graduated from Southeast Whitfield High School and has been involved with the fire service since childhood as his father, Terry, was a well-respected member and retired Battalion Chief with Whitfield County Fire Department. Jake is an Emergency Medical Technician and holds numerous national certifications along with being a member of the department's Special Operations Team. According to his current Battalion Chief, Firefighter Warnix exhibits professionalism, knowledge, and a great attitude in anything he does. He also states Warnix has not only completed the requirements for the position of Engineer but frequently serves as one of the acting officers on his assigned shift. Jake is a graduate of both the FLAMES and Georgia Smoke Diver programs.

Please join me in recognizing Firefighter Jake Warnix for his promotion to the rank of Engineer.

Respectfully,

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Matt Daniel

Fire Chief