



# MEMORANDUM

TO: Hon. Mayor and Board of Commissioners

THROUGH: Robin Gomez, City Manager

FROM: Clint Belk, Fire Chief

DATE: February 12, 2025

**RE: Promotions**

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## **Background**

### Promotions

Deputy Chief	John Mortellite	October 1, 2024
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Lieutenant	Michael Wasilewski	January 6, 2025
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## **Fiscal Impact**

N/A



**JOHN MORTELLITE**DOH 10/09/2023  
Promotion 10/01/2024

John Mortellite was promoted to Deputy Chief of the Madeira Beach Fire Department on October 1, 2024. He came to MBFD with 28 years of experience, previously achieving the rank of Assistant Chief with his former department. Throughout his career, he has earned numerous certifications, including a bachelor's degree in Fire Administration, Fire Officer I and II, Fire Instructor I, multiple FEMA Incident Command certifications, and a State of Florida Paramedic License. He has also attended classes at the National Fire Academy in Emmitsburg, Maryland, and participated in many conferences across the country.

In his role at MBFD, Deputy Chief Mortellite is the Emergency Medical Services Officer, Operations Officer, Training Officer, logistics manager, and the department's in-house "tech" specialist. Deputy Chief Mortellite was unofficially promoted a few days early to assist with preparations for Hurricane Helene. During Hurricane Milton, he was instrumental in setting up MBFD's alternate Emergency Operations Center, ensuring mobile internet access and maintaining communication with Pinellas County Dispatch during an unprecedented barrier island evacuation. His efforts ensured a seamless transition and demonstrated his ability to tackle new challenges head-on.

Deputy Chief Mortellite's leadership has been an important factor in elevating MBFD's operational capabilities. His proactive approach, problem-solving skills, and ability to adapt to challenges have already made a significant impact. His promotion marks a new era of success for both him and the department, as MBFD continues to set higher standards for exceptional community service.

**MICHAEL WASILESKI**DOH 02/08/2021  
Promotion 01/06/2025

Madeira Beach Fire Department held a lieutenant promotion assessment followed by the resignation of Andy Childers.

The promotional assessment was held on December 17, 2024. It comprised of a written examination, several tactical scenarios, and interviews in front of a panel. Each section was given a scoring system. The department had three very qualified candidates with scores just points away from one another.

The Madeira Beach Fire Department is pleased to announce the promotion of Michael Wasilewski to Lieutenant of B shift. FF Wasilewski has served the department for 4 years. During this tenure, he has taken on the responsibilities of Acting Driver, Acting Lieutenant and Marine Operator. With this promotion Lt. Wasilewski will also take on the role of the Department's EMS Coordinator.

