

Chief Schmidt,

Effective 11:59pm January 15th I will be resigning from the St. Francis Fire Department. Serving the SFFD and the City of St. Francis was one of the greatest decisions I have ever made and I cannot thank you enough for giving me that opportunity. We accomplished so much in what seemed like a short amount of time.

Since joining the fire service in 1998 I have always maintained multiple jobs and careers. As I age I find my ability to manage multiple careers diminishing. I hope to start settling into a single career and enjoying some personal time.

I hope the very best for the Community of St. Francis and it's fire department. You have helped the fire department find their identity and created a brand throughout the Minnesota fire service. What once was a tarnished reputation is now a light shining in northern Anoka County. Keep up the good work, fight the good fights, and I better receive an invite to the new fire station grand opening next year.

St. Francis is lucky to have you as their chief. So was I.

Joseph Lawrence
Assistant Fire Chief
St. Francis Fire Department