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To: TRFD Staff

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Subject: Retiring of POC (Paid-on-Call) Program

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Effective 12/31/2024 the City of Two Rivers Fire Department (TRFD) Paid-on Call (POC) program will no longer be a part of TRFD operations. The two remaining members of the POC program, FF Lenny Lewis, and FF Jason Wiesner are retiring from the TRFD as well. Lewis, who has 24 years of service, and Wiesner, who has 17 years of service, will be honored at the December 16th Two Rivers City Council meeting at 1800.

POC Program History:

The TRFD POC program was developed and implemented in 1985 by TRFD Fire Chief Ray Kanugh. The POC program was developed to increase staffing at Fire/Rescue Incidents. POCs would be on call, standing by on three rotating shifts. POC members would carry pagers and eventually radios to notify them of fire incidents. The program began with 12 POC firefighters (4 on call per shift). The POC program progressed and expanded into the current TRFD Paid-on-Premise (POP) program in 2021 due to identifying operational disparities, expanded operational roles and public expectations.

During its time, the POC program helped fill operational gaps, mentor, train, and offer operational experience to countless men and women who eventually obtained full time employment at the TRFD and numerous career fire departments across the state of Wisconsin.

All staff are encouraged to attend the December 16th Council Meeting to honor FF Lewis and FF Weisner as well as the POC program itself.

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