

ST. TAMMANY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT # 1

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Fire Board Selects New Fire Chief

Slidell, LA. – The St. Tammany Fire District #1 Fire Board has selected a new Fire Chief. After a lengthy testing and interview process, Chris Kaufmann was chosen for the position. Chief Kaufmann has been with the department for 25 years, in 5 different positions. He has worked his way up through the ranks from firefighter to his most recent position, Chief of Administration, and has been a tremendous asset to the department.

Chief Kaufmann holds an Associate's Degree in Fire Science Technologies from Delgado Community College. In addition, Chief Kaufmann has numerous fire-related certifications in various areas of training in the fire service. Chief Kaufmann also serves on several fire-related Associations throughout the state.

Chief Kaufmann serves several nonprofit organizations throughout the community. He received the 2012 Health Care Hero Award presented by the Northshore City business. He was also selected in 2013 for The Hidden Hero award presented by the United Way serving St. Tammany Parish.

Under his leadership, Chief Kaufmann's top priority will be "the safety of our firefighters and the over 85,000 people that we serve". Chief Kaufmann will continue to pursue an improvement in the department's fire rating, which will lead to a possible reduction in insurance rates for homeowners and business owners.

Chief Kaufmann and his wife Pam have been married for 26 years and have two children, Blaine and Bryce.

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