



**City of New Haven**  
**Department of Fire Service**  
**160 YEARS OF DEDICATION**  
**A NEW DAY...A NEW DIRECTION**



## A Firefighter's Prayer

*Lord, I ask You to be with me  
In a very special way  
As I face the challenges  
Of a firefighter's day*

*I pray that You will help me  
To be the best that I can be  
For there are many people  
Who do depend on me*

*And when duty calls to danger  
Walk closely by my side  
Instill in me great courage  
Please be my strength, my guide*

*And whatever I am called to do  
Always thankful I will be  
That You have been the unseen guest  
Walking next to me*

### Promotional Ceremony

**August 9, 2023**

**Career High School, 140 Legion Avenue New Haven CT**

**Personnel Muster 6:00 PM**  
**Ceremony Start 6:30 PM**

Honorable Justin Elicker, Mayor  
David Hartman, Board Chair  
John A. Alston, Jr., Fire Chief



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## Promotion of Officers

### PROMOTION TO DEPUTY FIRE MARSHAL:

Shakira Samuels

### PROMOTION TO FIRE INVESTIGATIVE SUPERVISOR:

Jerry Rynich

### PROMOTION TO DIRECTOR OF TRAINING:

Christopher Zyskowski

### PROMOTIONS TO DEPUTY CHIEF:

Leonard Wishart  
Miguel Rosado  
Christopher Ryan

### PROMOTIONS TO BATTALION CHIEF:

Kendall Richardson  
Michael DeMennato  
Patrick Psarras

### PROMOTIONS TO FIRE CAPTAIN:

Samod Rankins  
Patrick Sheiffele  
Ryan Doherty

### PROMOTION TO FIRE LIEUTENANT:

Steven Lynch  
Alex Woron  
Nicholas Andreucci  
Joshua Pearson

### PROMOTION TO INSPECTOR-INVESTIGATOR:

Jonathan Martinez  
Steven Martin

## Program

Master of Ceremonies .....Justin Bialecki  
Assistant Chief of Administration

Invocation..... Rev. Kelcy G.L. Steele  
Member - Board of Fire Commissioners

Posting of the Colors.....NHFD American Legion Post

Our National Anthem.....FF Erika Bogan (Ret'd)

Pledge of Allegiance & Moment of Silence.....The Assembly

Welcome .....Daniel Coughlin  
Assistant Chief of Operations

Oath of Office & Remarks..... Justin Elicker,  
Mayor

Presentation of Badges..... John A. Alston, Jr.,  
Chief of Department

Remarks.....Board of Fire Commissioners

Remarks.....John A. Alston, Jr.,  
Chief of Department

Closing Prayer.....Rev. Kelcy G.L. Steele  
Member - Board of Fire Commissioners

### Acknowledgements

The Honorable Board of Alders

Regina Rush-Kittle, Chief Administrative Officer

Honorable Board of Fire Commissioners

David Hartman (President), Barbara Vereen (Vice President),

Vincent Mauro, Rev. Kelcy Steele, and Dr. Sharon C. Jones