

Fire Division Retires Two and Promotes One

Xenia, Ohio, 4/27/2015 – On Friday, April 24, 2015, the City celebrated the recent retirements of Fire Lieutenant Chris Seiter and Firefighter Clark Burrell from the Xenia Fire Division.

Lieutenant Seiter is a 26-year veteran of the City of Xenia Fire Division who began his career as a firefighter on July 30, 1989. Before he pursued public safety as a profession, in 1986 he began volunteering with the Xenia Township Fire Department. He received his paramedic and firefighter certifications in August 1989.

Immediately after Seiter received his firefighter certification, he was assigned to the Regional HazMat Team. In 1993 he was appointed by the Xenia Township Fire Department as their first Assistant Chief of EMS. His leadership was instrumental in integrating emergency medical services into the Xenia Township Fire Department. In 1994 Xenia Fire

Chief Price and Xenia Township Fire Chief Beegle nominated Seiter for the Tony Glaze Memorial Award in recognition of his leadership, community service, and dedication to his profession.

During Seiter's career with the Xenia Fire Division, he served as the Division's liaison for the City's first Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) system. He attended several courses at the National Fire Academy, including the Command and Control Series. In August 1999 Seiter's leadership skills brought him to the next stage of his career when he was appointed as Fire Lieutenant with the Xenia Fire Division.

Lieutenant Seiter plans to spend more time with family and grow their HVAC business. He hopes to build a work family closely resembling the culture of the fire service.

Firefighter Clark Burrell began his career with the City of Xenia Fire Division on July 30, 1989. He retires with over twenty-five

(25) years of City service. Firefighter Burrell dedicated his entire career to providing fire and emergency medical services to the citizens, business owners and visitors of Xenia. He earned his paramedic certification in August 1989 and his level II firefighter certification in September 1989. Firefighter Burrell was a very dependable, knowledgeable and experienced firefighter and paramedic.

Before Firefighter Burrell began his career with the Xenia Fire Division, he was a member of the Greene County Rescue from 1985 until 1989. During his career he volunteered for the Xenia Township Fire Department and was a member of the City's Rope Rescue Team.

After taking his last call with the Xenia Fire Division, he plans to simply enjoy his well-deserved retirement.

Following the retirement of Lieutenant Chris Seiter, the City of Xenia will promote Firefighter Cory Stroup to Lieutenant. Cory began his career as a Firefighter/Paramedic with the City of Xenia on September 9, 2008. Although Cory is still young in his career, the combination of his experience, ambition and passion for his profession will serve the Xenia Fire Division and the Xenia community very well.

A swearing in ceremony to recognize Cory's promotion will be held on May 14, 2015 during the regular meeting of the Xenia City Council.

The City would like to thank Fire Lieutenant Chris Seiter and Firefighter Clark Burrell for all their years of dedication and service to the City of Xenia and congratulate Firefighter Cory Stroup on his upcoming promotion.