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### **William H. Sleeper, Jr. Named New Deputy Fire Chief**

**(25 March 2019) York, PA** — On Monday March 25, 2019, the City of York Department of Fire/Rescue Services new Deputy Fire Chief will be sworn in by Mayor Michael Helfrich at 4:00 pm at City Hall (101 S George St. York, PA 17401) in Council Chambers.

Deputy Chief William H. Sleeper, Jr. started with the Department on March 9, 1992. Prior to his appointment with the department, Chief Sleeper served our country as a member of the United States Navy. He graduated from the HACC fire academy and was assigned to A Platoon as a firefighter. He was promoted to Captain on May 30<sup>th</sup> 2015 and served as the Captain on A Platoon. He was promoted to Assistant Chief January 11, 2019 and served as the Assistant Chief of B Platoon.

Deputy Chief Sleeper has achieved numerous certifications throughout his career including, Pro-Board Firefighter I & Firefighter II, Educational Methodology, Pro-Board Fire Instructor I & Fire Instructor II, Pro-Board Fire Officer I & Fire Officer II and ICS 100, 200, 700 300 & 400.

Deputy Chief Sleeper is a decorated member of the department receiving numerous awards throughout his career including a Chiefs commendation in 1994 for performing CPR on a victim of cardiac arrest while on vacation at Busch Gardens. Deputy Chief Sleeper was named the Departments 1997 Firefighter of the Year. In 1998, he was awarded for the rescue of an elderly lady trapped on the second floor of a fire on Pattison St. While on duty in May of 2015, he was awarded for his role in working under a chaotic and dangerous scene, treating two victims suffering from gun shot wounds after a large fight broke out in front of Station 2. In 2016 Deputy Chief Sleeper was part of a crew that rescued a civilian who was struck and pinned



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by a vehicle. He also received a Chief 's commendation for his role in the rescue of trapped firefighters at the collapse at the Weaver Organ and Piano Building.

Deputy Chief Sleeger is a part of a family committed to the safety of York City. His late father served the city as a police officer and his brother Chuck is currently a firefighter in our department.

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*Your coverage is invited.*

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