



Tilton-Northfield Fire & EMS

Michael J. Robinson, Deputy Chief

Sean M. Valovanie, Deputy Chief

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Official Notification Regarding the Employment Status of the Fire Chief

The Tilton-Northfield Fire District is announcing that Michael W. Sitar, Jr. is no longer serving as the Fire Chief, effective November 5, 2025.

At a meeting held on November 5, 2025, the Fire Commission executed a separation agreement in the Chief's contract which resulted in the termination of the Chief's employment. The District will not be commenting on the specifics of this personnel matter, as it is confidential under applicable employment and privacy laws.

The Fire Commission would like to thank Chief Sitar for his many years of dedicated service to the towns of Tilton and Northfield. During his tenure, Chief Sitar made significant improvements to enhance the safety of the District and its residents.

The Fire Commission has appointed Deputy Chief Sean Valovanie as Interim Fire Chief to oversee Fire District operations during this transition period. The District is committed to ensuring that fire and emergency services remain fully staffed, fully operational, and responsive to the needs of the communities we serve.

Further updates regarding leadership and the process for selecting the next Fire Chief will be provided when available.

Fire Commission, Tilton-Northfield Fire District

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