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VFRS extends appreciation to departing Deputy Chief

Vernon Fire Rescue Services (VFRS) is expressing its appreciation to Deputy Chief Jack Blair for five years of service and leadership; Blair will be resigning from VFRS as of March 31 and plans to continue his work in the private sector.

“I’m looking forward to taking on new opportunities and challenges,” said Blair. “I’ve had five great years with VFRS and the City of Vernon. I’ve enjoyed working with Council, our CAO, our partners in the local media and the residents of Vernon. And it has been a real pleasure working with the great team at VFRS.”

“Jack was instrumental in the development of the Fire Training Centre, which has had a positive impact for the whole region,” said VFRS Interim Chief David Lind. “Jack’s work with the construction of Fire Hall #3 has also had multiple positive effects, including working with the developers to bring the project in at approximately \$600,000—a cost that is almost unheard of given the scope of the work. VFRS will continue to benefit from Jack’s work for many years to come.”

The City will begin recruitment for a deputy chief immediately. During the transition, Wayne Price, Fire Chief for the City of Cranbrook, will be providing short-term administrative support to VFRS.

“Wayne and I have worked together successfully in the past and we share the same core values and business philosophies,” said Lind. “His support will provide us time to recruit the best replacement for Jack.”