



WAYNE TOWNSHIP
of Marion County
Jeb Bardon, Trustee

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WAYNE TOWNSHIP FIRE CHIEF RETIRES; INTERIM NAMED *Department to conduct open search for next leader*

INDIANAPOLIS – Today Wayne Township Trustee Jeb Bardon named John Garino as interim chief following the retirement of Wayne Township Fire Department Chief Marc Reed.

With 25 years of experience as a Wayne Township firefighter, Chief Garino has held numerous leadership roles in the department including assistant chief, division chief and as a merit battalion chief among many other titles and duties. He assumes his new responsibilities on January 1, 2025.

“As we hold an open process to select a permanent leader for the department, I’m grateful that Chief Garino agreed to take on this added responsibility,” said Bardon. “John brings decades of experience, a deep understanding of what the department needs and a steady hand that will continue the progress the department has made under Chief Reed.”

Reed, who is retiring at the end of this year, became Wayne Township Fire Chief in July of 2022 and is credited with making significant organizational changes that have saved taxpayers millions of dollars, including successfully transitioning the department’s EMS services to Indianapolis Emergency Medical Service. He also invested in new technologies to improve the department’s safety and response times and professionalized the department’s merit board by providing training for members and adding an independent legal counsel.

“Two years ago, we lured Marc out of retirement, because the department needed someone with his level of experience, credibility and integrity to restore trust and he’s done that and more,” said Bardon. “On behalf of our entire community, I want to thank Chief Reed for the job he’s done here. He has left the Wayne Township Fire Department in a much better position than he found it.”

Interested parties may apply for the Wayne Township Fire Chief’s position here: <https://www.waynetwp.org/jobopenings>

Located on Indianapolis’ west side, Wayne Township is home to nearly 150,000 residents, vibrant neighborhoods, hundreds of businesses and important assets like the Indianapolis Motor Speedway and the Indianapolis International Airport. The Wayne Township Trustee’s Office offers numerous programs and services to assist residents facing difficult situations and also oversees the Wayne Township Fire Department. For more information on the Wayne Township Trustee’s Office, visit www.WayneTwp.org

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