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Retirement Reception for Dubuque Fire Chief Planned for July 24

DUBUQUE, Iowa – The public is welcome to attend a retirement reception for Dubuque Fire Chief E. Daniel Brown on Thursday, July 24, from 4-6:30 p.m. in the River Room of the Grand River Center, 500 Bell St. A presentation will be given at 5:15 p.m. Refreshments will be provided.

Brown, who has served as fire chief since 1996, announced in January that he will retire in late August. The City of Dubuque has selected six finalists in its search for a new fire chief. The interviewing process began July 1 and will conclude during the first week of August.

Brown joined the Dubuque Fire Department as a firefighter in January 1982. He was promoted to fire equipment operator in May 1986, lieutenant in January 1987, captain in July 1993, and named chief in June 1996. He is a 1974 graduate of Dubuque Senior High School, a certified paramedic, and a hazardous materials technician motorcarrier specialist.

As fire chief for the last 18 years, Brown has been involved in a number of major projects and changes in the Dubuque Fire Department, including: the transition to a county-wide public safety radio system, implementation of the paramedic certification hiring requirement, development of an outdoor warning system, the funding and construction of the Dubuque County Emergency Responder Regional Training Center, updating/modernizing the fire department fleet, a major addition to the fire department headquarters, the addition of thermal imaging technology, and updating and creating emergency plans.

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