



# OSWEGO FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT



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## Press Release

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### **Igniting Excellence**

Chief Joshua Flanders Takes the Helm at Oswego Fire

**(Oswego, IL)** Joshua Flanders has been appointed as the new Fire Chief of the Oswego Fire Protection District. He becomes the 11th Fire Chief in the department's storied history.

With a distinguished career spanning over 28 years in fire and emergency services, Chief Flanders brings a wealth of experience, dedication, and a proven track record of excellence to the department.

Chief Flanders has been a member of the Oswego Fire Protection District for over 21 years. He began his career as a firefighter/paramedic and steadily climbed the ranks, demonstrating exceptional skills in firefighting, emergency response, and community engagement.

His commitment to public safety and his unwavering dedication to the residents of Oswego have made him a respected figure within the department and the community.

Under Chief Flander's leadership, we look forward to enhancing our service capabilities, strengthening our community outreach, and continuing our staunch commitment to the safety and well-being of our residents.

Chief Flanders vision for the Oswego Fire Department centers around three key pillars:

**Enhancing Emergency Response:** He aims to enhance training programs and equip firefighters with cutting-edge tools and technology, while focusing on recruitment and retention.

**Community Outreach:** Chief Flanders believes in fostering strong relationships with residents, schools, and local organizations. In addition to building relationships, having a strong focus on community risk reduction.

**Professional Development:** Under his leadership develop a comprehensive succession plan. The department will prioritize ongoing training, certifications, and career advancement for all personnel.



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When asked about Chief Flanders' appointment, retired Oswego Fire Chief Michael Veseling stated "Our greatest mission is to help others in theirs. Congratulations, good luck, and God bless."

Please join us in extending warm congratulations to Chief Flanders. We are confident that his guidance will lead us to new heights of professionalism and community service.

Here's to a future of safety, innovation, and community partnership!

Photo available, upon request.

*The Oswego Fire Protection District was formed by voter referendum in March of 1936, covers over 60 square miles in the northeast portion of Kendall County and about 1.5 square miles of northwest unincorporated Will County.*

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