

Town appoints acting fire chief to replace retiring David Forfar

By Bill Rea

Caledon's Deputy Fire Chief, Operations, Darryl Bailey has been named acting Fire Chief.

This appointment follows the retirement announcement of Fire Chief David Forfar.

Forfar said he will be concluding his duties at the end of this week.

He's been with the Town about three years, and said one of the tasks that had been set for him was mentoring the deputy chiefs.

"They've got great internal talent," he said.

"It's a great town because of the people who work in it," he observed. "Great town. I'm sad to leave it."

His retirement comes after 35 years in firefighting and emergency services.

When it comes to his immediate plans, Forfar said he plans to spend Thanksgiving at his daughter's cottage on Round Lake, and then three weeks in Florida.

"I've got some things on the go," he said. "I'll stay busy."

Bailey has worked full-time with Caledon Fire and Emergency Services since 2003, following positions as a firefighter in Markham, Welland and Mississauga. He is a certified Municipal Manager with more than 20 years practical experience in fire suppression, fire prevention and emergency management.

"Please join us in extending our congratulations to Deputy Bailey on this appointment," said Mayor Allan Thompson.

In his role as acting Fire Chief, Bailey will be responsible for the overall organization, operation and administration of the fire and emergency services department and the Community Emergency Management Program. He will be coordinating, leading and directing the duties of the Town's fire service.



Mayor Allan Thompson presented this plaque to retiring Fire Chief David Forfar at Monday night's presentation of Canadian and Provincial Exemplary and Long Service Medals in Caledon East.



Darryl Bailey