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## Second Full-Time Fire Inspector Hired

*Macomb Township, Mich.*, --- In a significant step towards enhancing public safety in Macomb Township, the Board of Trustees expanded its fire department personnel. During the September 13 Board of Trustees meeting, board members unanimously approved the hiring of Joe Felton to take on the position as the Township's second full-time fire inspector.

Felton retired as a Fire Marshall from Clinton Township Fire Department, and currently works as a Firefighter/Paramedic in Armada Township. He is an EFI Global Fire Investigator and is a National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) Certified Fire Inspector Trainer. Felton's first day on the job will be October 2, 2023.

"As the township continues to grow, the need to complete plan reviews, zoning requirements, fire alarm & suppression inspections and more has limited the number of annuals I could do alone. With Joe's previous experience, his impact will almost immediately make a tremendous difference," said Fire Inspector Vince Pozzuoli.

Fire inspections are critical to ensuring public safety, and they involved a comprehensive review of businesses to identify and mitigate potential fire hazards. Our inspectors ensure that there are no obstructions to sprinkler systems, verify that emergency lighting is working properly, along with other checks to water supply and safety measures.

"With the hiring of an additional Fire Inspector, it will help ensure that our businesses are operating in a safe manner for their employees, customers and our firefighters. Keeping our residents and business community safe is our top priority. This new position will help us continue to meet that goal," Fire Chief Robert Phillips.

As Macomb Township continues to experience robust growth, the decision to bring in a second full-time fire inspector underscores the Township's commitment to ensuring the safety and well-being of its residents and businesses. Felton's presence in the department will also facilitate faster responses to public safety concerns, enhancing the quality of life in the Township.

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