

Wrentham Fire names new deputy chief, fire captain

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WRENTHAM -- Town Administrator Kevin Sweet and interim Fire Chief Robert Hollingshead on July 3 announced that the Wrentham Fire Department has promoted two of its members.

Antonio Marino was promoted to Deputy Chief, effective June 18, while Joseph Padykula assumed his new role as a captain on July 1. They will both officially be sworn in at the Board of Selectmen's meeting on Tuesday, July 10.

Marino joined the Wrentham Fire Department as a volunteer firefighter in 1986 and became a full-time firefighter in 1999. He most recently served as captain, following his promotion to that rank in 2013. Throughout his career, Marino has served as a president and executive board member of the Wrentham Permanent Firefighters Association.

Prior to joining the Wrentham Fire Department full time, Marino served as a firefighter in the United States Navy from 1987-1991 following his graduation from King Philip Regional Vocational Technical School. He also holds a bachelor's degree in fire administration from Salem State and an associate's degree in fire science from Quinsigamond Community College.

Padykula joined the Wrentham Fire Department in 2014 after working at the Franklin Fire Department and serving two stints at the Attleboro Fire Department that were separated by two years working as an Emergency Department technician at the Mayo Clinic in Phoenix.

He holds a bachelor's degree in fire science from Columbia Southern University, and is working on a master's degree in healthcare administration from Grand Canyon University. He also holds a bachelor's degree in psychology from Rhode Island College.

"Both Deputy Marino and Capt. Padykula have displayed a lifelong commitment to the fire service," Hollingshead said. "They're both deserving of their respective promotions, and I am confident that they will both continue to be valuable assets for our department and the Wrentham community."

"Capt. Padykula and Deputy Marino each have impressive credentials that are reflective of their extensive experience in both firefighting and emergency medicine," Town Administrator Sweet said. "I'm grateful for their committed service to the town of Wrentham, and am looking forward to their future success in their new positions."