



## **IAFF LOCAL 5276 PRESIDENT & FAIRFIELD TOWNSHIP CAPTAIN**

Good evening and thank you for attending this very special ceremony. My name is Joel Coomer and I stand before you as the president of IAFF Local 5276 to introduce and welcome our new fire chief, Ryan Berter. Our union has always been committed to serving and protecting our community, and with the appointment of Chief Berter, we are taking another step forward in fulfilling that mission.

First and foremost, I want to take a moment to express our gratitude to Chief Thomas for his dedicated service and tireless commitment to keeping our community and members safe. We owe him a debt of gratitude for his years of leadership and service.

Chief Berter has a proven track record of leadership and a deep understanding of the challenges faced by our firefighters. Chief Berter is a leader committed to enhancing the efficiency, effectiveness, and morale of our fire department. His dedication to development, training, and fostering a culture of teamwork will undoubtedly elevate our department to new heights.

In closing, I want to express my sincere congratulations to Chief Berter, and my utmost gratitude to all our firefighters for their unwavering dedication. Together, we will continue to protect and serve our community with bravery, integrity and compassion.

Thank you.