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### **Press Release: Captain Keith Cushman appointed new Fire Chief in Barre City**

*Cushman has over 20 years experience service in Barre, and will be Chief effective February 3, 2023*

January 31, 2023 – Captain Keith Cushman has been appointed new Chief of Fire & Emergency Medical Services, City Manager Nicolas Storrellicastro announced today. Capt. Cushman has served in the Barre City Fire & Emergency Medical Services Department since 2002. He was promoted to Lieutenant in 2007, and has served as Captain since 2009. Cushman’s appointment as Chief takes effect February 3, 2023.

Cushman comes from a long line of firefighters – his father and grandfather both served the Chelsea Fire Department, and he began his career there as a 15-year old cadet. After high school, Cushman obtained his Associate’s Degree in Fire Science at New Hampshire Technical College – Laconia. He is currently enrolled in Anna Maria college pursuing a Bachelor’s in Fire Science.

"The opportunity to sever as Barre City's next Fire Chief is an honor and very humbling," said Cushman. "I look forward to working alongside the Mayor, Council, City Manager, and our dedicated Fire Department staff to continue to provide the excellent services that they do day in and day out. We have amazing talent in the City, talent that makes the Fire Department a great place to work and grow."

"I am so excited that Captain Cushman has agreed to lead the Fire & Emergency Medical Services Department," said Manager Storrellicastro. "Keith brings a wealth of experience, having climbed through the ranks as a fire fighter, lieutenant, and Captain. He stood out during the search process as someone who would make thoughtful decisions, and would lead with compassion and integrity. We have been lucky to have Keith serving Barre for over 20 years, and I am glad he is stepping into this leadership role."

Cushman replaces retired Chief Doug Brent, who retired in September 2022. The Department has been led by Acting Chief Joe Aldsworth, who will return to his role as Deputy Chief, after chairing the Manager’s Fire Chief Search Advisory Committee.

Captain Cushman lives in Barre Town. He is married and has two children, a sophomore in college and a sophomore at Spaulding High School. In addition to his duties at the Fire Department, he operates a small farm and participates in local farmer’s markets.