



## **Norwalk Appoints New Fire Chief**

### ***Council taps Coburn to Lead the Department***

**February 5, 2016** – Norwalk City Council approved the appointment of Ryan Coburn as Fire Chief during the February 4, 2016 city council meeting.

“During the past four months, Ryan has proven himself more than capable of leading our Fire Department,” said Mayor Tom Phillips. “I am pleased to say that he was unanimously approved by the City Council last night. Ryan has earned the respect of his staff, city staff, and our elected officials. I’m excited to have him running our Fire Department.”

Norwalk City Manager Marketa Oliver said, “Ryan did an excellent job throughout the budget process and has handled the day-to-day issues of the department very well since September, when he was named Acting Fire Chief.”

Coburn joined the Norwalk Fire Department in 2000 as a volunteer and became the Assistant Chief in 2006. He is a nationally registered paramedic and a flight paramedic. Coburn’s certifications include Fire Fighter 1 and Fire Fighter 2, Hazmat Operations, Fire Service Instructor, and Fire Officer 1 and Fire Officer 2. He has an Associate of Science with a focus on EMS and a degree in Mortuary Science. Coburn is also a trained Medical Examiner.