



City of Auburn, Maine  
Office of the City Manager

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**Auburn Announces New Fire Chief**

*Auburn, Maine - July 18, 2012* - The City of Auburn is pleased to announce the selection of its new Fire Chief, **Frank L. Roma** of McKinney, Texas.

A dynamic and progressive fire service professional, Roma served most recently as Interim Fire Chief and Emergency Management Coordinator for the City of Anna, Texas. Prior to that, he spent 21 exemplary years with the McKinney, Texas Fire Department, retiring as Assistant Fire Chief.

"I am honored and humbled at the opportunity to serve as your Fire Chief," said Roma. "I consider this the pinnacle of my fire service journey which began nearly 36 years ago in Montgomery County, Pennsylvania. I look forward to utilizing the experience and knowledge I have gained as we plan for the future here in Auburn."

Roma was chosen following a rigorous selection process which began in late May. Approximately forty applications were received and eight highly-qualified in-state and out-of-state candidates were interviewed. From those eight, three individuals were selected to move forward to the second round in the process: an oral board comprised of Auburn City Manager Clint Deschene, Police Chief Phil Crowell, Human Resources Director Deborah Grimmig and Retired Bangor Fire Chief Jeff Cammack. Candidates were evaluated through testing and strength assessments, including ICS (Incident Command System) and personnel management scenarios.

"The City of Auburn is very excited to have a Fire Chief with Frank's background and experience," said Clint Deschene, Auburn City Manager. "We feel he is a great fit with our department and will hit the ground running."

Frank Roma has worked in fire service since 1974, serving in many capacities. During his 21 year career at the McKinney Fire Department, Roma developed his skills as a fire fighter, trainer, administrator and leader. He has extensive knowledge in ICS and Emergency Management. His strong commitment to developing community partnerships is evidenced by his work to establish a Citizens Fire Academy, CERT (Community Emergency Response Team), fire museum, public safety Christmas program for at-risk and disadvantaged youth, and countless other programs and projects.

Prior to joining the McKinney Fire Department, Roma was Fire Chief for the Springfield, Pennsylvania Volunteer Fire Department; a full-time firefighter for the Norristown, Pennsylvania Fire Department; Deputy Director of the Montgomery County, Pennsylvania Fire Academy; and Battalion Chief for the Mankato, Minnesota Fire Department.

"Motivated and energetic, progressive and community-minded, Roma is a great choice as Fire Chief," remarked Police Chief Phil Crowell.

"I look forward to moving to Auburn and becoming an active member of the community," said Roma. "I am committed to excellence in the provision of fire services and in doing so in a manner that places the safety of our firefighters and the community at the fore of all we do."

Chief Roma is expected to begin work on September 10.

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