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**FIRE AND RESCUE DEPARTMENT**

Lyle N. Koerner, Jr., Chief

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**NEWS RELEASE**  
**July 26, 2013**

Fire Chief Lyle N. Koerner, Jr., announces the following Eau Claire Fire Rescue retirements:

- Deputy Fire Chief Duane Grunst
- Lieutenant Steve Hanson

Duane Grunst retired from the department on July 12, 2013. Chief Grunst served over 28 years, the last 7 as a Chief Officer within the organization.

Lieutenant Steve Hanson retired from the department on July 11, 2013. Lieutenant Hanson served the residents of the City of Eau Claire for 30 years.

The aforementioned retirements created vacancies for which the following promotions were approved by the Police and Fire Commission at its July 18, 2013, meeting:

- Deputy Chief Chris Bell
- Lieutenant Don Rydzik
- Engineer Bill Jensen

Chris Bell has been with the fire department for 16 years and most recently served as a Captain. In his new assignment as Deputy Chief of the Operations Division, he will be supervising three battalion chiefs and will have overall responsibility for emergency and non-emergency operations within the fire department.

Don Rydzik has been with the fire department for 17 years and most recently served as an Engineer. Lieutenant Rydzik will be serving the city at Fire Station 6, the Golf Road station.

Bill Jensen has been with the department for 13 years and also will be assigned to Fire Station 6.