



# MEDIA RELEASE

675 Village Court, Glencoe, Illinois 60022  
p: (847) 835-4114 | f: (847) 835-1785 | Follow Us: @VGlencoe

[www.villageofglencoe.org](http://www.villageofglencoe.org)

## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Date: March 23, 2017

Contact: Megan Hoffman

Management Analyst

(847) 461-1104

[mhoffman@villagofglencoe.org](mailto:mhoffman@villagofglencoe.org)

## MARY SAIKIN NAMED DEPUTY CHIEF OF FIRE/EMS OPERATIONS

(Glencoe, Illinois)— Lieutenant Mary Saikin, a 20 year veteran of the Public Safety Department, has been selected for promotion to Deputy Chief of Fire/Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Operations, filling a vacancy made by the upcoming retirement of Deputy Chief Richard Bookie. Over the next few weeks, Lieutenant Saikin will work with Deputy Chief Bookie to acclimate to her new duties before assuming the role of Deputy Chief in April. Lieutenant Saikin will be officially sworn in at the April 20, 2017 Village Board meeting.

“Lieutenant Saikin brings a wealth of experience in all aspects of public safety,” said Public Safety Director Cary Lewandowski. “Her passion and energy will be vital as we undertake new initiatives in the coming year.” Prior to serving with the Village, Lieutenant Saikin earned a B.S. degree in Human Resource Management and Psychology from DePaul University. During her career, she has received specialized training in all aspects of public safety service, attaining certification as a Paramedic, Fire Officer and Homicide Investigator. Lieutenant Saikin also successfully completed the School of Police Staff and Command at the Northwestern University Center for Public Safety.

Deputy Chief Richard Bookie is retiring on April 15, 2017 after more than 30 years of service with the Village. In his time with the department, Deputy Chief Bookie served as a fully cross-trained Public Safety Officer, a Lieutenant and ultimately as Deputy Chief of Fire/EMS Operations – a position held since 2015.

Prior to serving with the Public Safety Department, Deputy Chief Bookie proudly served in the U.S. Navy and as a police officer with the City of Waukegan. He holds a B.A. in Criminal Justice and Law Enforcement Administration from Columbia College; he has also received specialized training in Criminal Forensics and he completed the School of Police Staff and Command at the Northwestern University Center for Public Safety.

Chief Lewandowski noted that “Deputy Chief Bookie has been instrumental in the development of our emergency operations planning efforts and we wish him nothing but the best in his retirement.”

Contact Megan Hoffman at [mhoffman@villageofglencoe.org](mailto:mhoffman@villageofglencoe.org) / (847) 461-1104 for more information.

#