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DFD Charter Change Proposal

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Proposal to Amend Charter Section § 9.5.2

Objective

- Expand the eligible ranks which can be appointed to either Deputy Chief or Division Chief to increase promotional opportunities for all command officers (Captains and up) and allow for greater expertise to meet the needs of the department.
- Proactively provide the Denver Fire Department the ability to add new divisions in the future to maintain a high level of service as the city grows.



History

Amendments to § 9.5.2

- 2013, Ordinance 408
 - Increased total command assignments to 7 (from 6)
- 2003, Ordinance 138
 - Added command rank of Deputy Chief

Similar DPD Charter Language

- § 9.6.3 - Deputy Chief, Division Chief, and Commander.
 - Both Captain of Police and Lieutenant of Police can be appointed to Deputy Chief of Police
 - Total number of command assignments shall not exceed 18
- 2013, Ordinance 408
 - Increased total command assignments to 18 (from 12)



Comparison

Current

- Only Assistant Chiefs can be appointed to Deputy Chief or Division Chief
 - Currently there are 35 Assistant Chiefs
- Total divisions shall not exceed 7. Current divisions:
 - Deputy Chief, Operations, Fire Prevention, Technical Services, Administration, Safety and Training, and Denver International Airport

Proposed

- The addition of Captains to the pool that can be appointed to Deputy Chief or Division Chief
 - Currently there are 74 Captains
- Increase total divisions to shall not exceed 9



Outreach

- Denver Fire Department Fire Chief Desmond Fulton
- Denver Firefighters Local 858



Proposed Charter Ballot Question

Shall the Charter of the City and County of Denver be amended to add the rank of Captain to eligible ranks from which the Fire Chief may select a Deputy Chief and Division Chiefs and increasing the number of eligible positions from seven to nine?



Next Steps

- **Charter Review Committee**
 - April 8, 2024 at 1:30 pm
Watch live on [Denver 8](#)
- **City Council Committee**
 - TBD
- **Mayor-Council**
 - TBD
- **City Council Final Reading & Vote**
 - TBD



Thank You!

