

GRAND CHUTE FIRE DEPARTMENT



Timothy A. Bantes, Fire Chief

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CHIEF BANTES RECOGNIZED AS WISCONSIN “FIRE CHIEF OF THE YEAR”

GRAND CHUTE – Grand Chute Fire Department Fire Chief Timothy Bantes was recognized by the Wisconsin State Fire Chiefs Association at their annual conference on Friday June 22nd as the recipient “Fire Chief of the Year” Award. This prestigious honor is presented annually to a Wisconsin Fire Chief who demonstrates an extraordinary commitment to leadership, innovation, professional development, integrity, service to the public, and contributions to the fire service as a whole. Nominees for the award are reviewed by a selection panel comprised of Fire Chiefs throughout the State.

In an excerpt from one of the many letters supporting Chief Bantes’ nomination for this award, Grand Chute Town Administrator James March explained that “Grand Chute is a growing community with unique challenges. It takes a unique combination of services to keep the community safe and provide the around-the-clock coverage it demands. Chief Bantes has met that challenge and continue to look at all means of public safety delivery not only for the present, but for the future as well.”

In addition to his service to Grand Chute as Fire Chief for the past decade, Chief Bantes previously served as a Company Officer and Firefighter with the Marinette Fire Department, as well as a Firefighter with the Menominee Fire Department in Michigan. He has been a longstanding and active advocate for public safety on the local, regional, and state level as a member of numerous committees and organization, and currently serves as the President of the Outagamie County Fire Chiefs Association, and First Vice President of the Wisconsin State Fire Chiefs Association. Chief Bantes humbly accepted the award, citing the commitment to excellence displayed by the members of the Grand Chute Fire Department, as well as the support from his wife Rhonda, their nine adult children, and nine grandchildren as the deeds most worthy of recognition.

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