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## ***Darrel Donatto, Deputy Fire Rescue Chief Appointed to Serve on Florida League of Cities 2017-2018 Legislative Policy Committee***

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The Florida League of Cities has appointed the Town of Palm Beach's Deputy Fire-Rescue Chief Darrel Donatto to serve on the 2017-2018 Municipal Administration Legislative Policy Committee.

"Municipal officials are the driving force behind the League's legislative success. In addition to setting the legislative priorities, the League's policy committee members help to provide League staff with a better understanding of the real world implications of proposed legislation," said Florida League of Cities Legislative Director Scott Dudley. "We appreciate their willingness to serve, as there is a significant commitment of time and energy that goes into developing a policy direction for our legislative efforts."

Deputy Chief Donatto has over 36 years of fire service experience, serving the past 20+ of those years in an administrative role. He has been with Palm Beach Fire Rescue for the past 13 years. Prior to joining Palm Beach, he worked for the City of Riviera Beach Fire Rescue for 23 years, retiring as their Deputy Fire Chief. Chief Donatto is a member of the Florida Fire Chief's Association (FFCA), serving as the Secretary / Treasurer on the FFCA Board of Directors, as the Board Liaison to the FFCA EMS Section, and as the Chair of the FFCA Government Relations Committee. He also serves on the State of Florida Emergency Medical Services Advisory Committee as the Fire Service Administrator representative. He is the past-President of the Fire Chiefs Association of Palm Beach County.

Legislative Policy Committee chairs, vice-chairs and members are appointed annually by the League president. Any city official is eligible to serve on a Policy Committee, and appointments are typically based upon a city official's support and advocacy of the League's adopted Legislative Action Agenda, participation at meetings, Legislative Action Day and other legislative-related activities.

For more information on the Florida League of Cities' Legislative Policy Development Process, please visit <http://www.floridaleagueofcities.com/advocacy/policy-committees>.

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