

Matt Carey sworn in as Springfield Township fire chief

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Springfield Township Trustee Robert Currens welcomes new Springfield Township fire Chief Matt Carey during a swearing-in ceremony at the main fire station on Monday night. (Photo: Lou Whitmire/News Journal)

SPRINGFIELD TOWNSHIP - Matt Carey's father Al was a firefighter in Mount Gilead and his brothers Mark and Mike are working part-time at the Mount Gilead Fire Department.

And those family members were in attendance Monday night to witness Matt Carey being sworn in as the new fire chief at Springfield Township at the main fire station on Park Avenue West.

Retired Mount Gilead fire Chief Don Staiger, Carey's first fire chief, swore Carey in before a crowd of community residents and others who came to wish him well.

Matt Carey, 37, comes to the job from Monroe Township Fire Department in Clermont County near Cincinnati where he has worked the past 12 years.

The new chief said he wanted to be closer to his family, who reside in Mount Gilead, and be near to his hometown of Mount Gilead, where he grew up.

He has 17 years of experience as a firefighter, working near Cincinnati and for the City of Worthington and for the City of Franklin in Warren County.

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The new chief was welcomed by Springfield Township Trustee Robert Currens, who said Currens' former bosses had nothing but good things to say about him.

"The more we get to know him the more we come to realize he is a quality person and I think that is a real testament to his family, especially his mother and father," Currens said.

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Carey was joined by his fiancée Tonya and his two daughters Abbi and Katelynn and stepson Ryan. His parents and other relatives made the trip to Ontario for the special occasion.

Carey officially joined the Springfield Township Fire Department on June 1.

On May 30, Springfield Township Fire Chief Ron Henry retired after 39 years with the fire department.

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