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## EDEN PRAIRIE FIRE DEPARTMENT PROMOTION

**Eden Prairie, Minn.** — Ward Parker, a lieutenant with the Eden Prairie Fire Department since 2003, has been promoted to the position of assistant chief in charge of emergency preparedness. Parker began his new duties on Jan. 15, 2009.

Prior to his promotion, Parker served as a firefighter and lieutenant since joining the department in 1999. He is a state certified firefighter II, emergency medical technician, apparatus operator and hazardous materials technician.

Ward and his wife Linda, along with their five children, have lived in Eden Prairie since 1993.

The City of Eden Prairie is a vibrant community of more than 60,000 residents located just southwest of Minneapolis. Eden Prairie has been nationally recognized as a great place to live, work and raise a family. Since 2006, Eden Prairie has been listed in MONEY Magazine's 100 "Best Places to Live" in America.

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