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CYFS Fire Chief Ian Laing appointed Regional Fire Coordinator

NEWMARKET, Ontario, December 13, 2016 – [Central York Fire Services \(CYFS\)](#) Fire Chief Ian Laing, was recently appointed as the Regional Fire Coordinator for the [Regional Municipality of York](#), by the Provincial [Office of the Fire Marshal and Emergency Management](#).

“I am excited to take on the role of Regional Fire Coordinator for York Region in addition to serving as the Fire Chief for Central York Fire Services,” says CYFS Chief Ian Laing. “Thank you to my colleagues for supporting me with this position and I look forward to representing CYFS, and the Region as a whole.”

The role of the Regional Fire Coordinator and alternates assists the Region and local municipalities during major emergencies by ensuring fire resources are available and supported through the Regional Emergency Operations Centre.

The Regional Fire Coordinator and alternates are an integral part of [York Region's Emergency Management Program](#) which supports their Strategic Priority to Provide Responsive and efficient Public Service in the [2015 to 2019 Strategic Plan](#). In addition, the program supports the [Vision 2051](#) goal area – *A Place Where Everyone Can Thrive*, through promoting safe and secure communities. York Region's Emergency Management Program protects public safety and helps to create disaster-resilient communities.

The Regional Fire Coordinator position has been in effect at York Region since 1971. This position was recently made vacant as a result of the retirement of Markham Fire Chief Bill Snowball. Currently, Fire Chief Ian Laing of Central York Fire Services sits as the Regional Fire Coordinator, Chief David Decker of the City of Markham Fire and Emergency Services and Chief Phil Dawson of the Town of East Gwillimbury Emergency Services are currently serving as alternate Regional Fire Coordinators.

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