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## **Chief Frank Root III**

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Fire Chief Frank Root, III is a hometown boy who has fulfilled a life long dream. As the son of a firefighter, Root has been dedicated to fire service since he was a very small child, accompanying his dad to the fire station whenever he could.

An Avon High School graduate, Root loved every minute of his school career. He was class president in his Junior and Senior years and played football and ran track for his alma mater. But when it came to decide where he should attend college, Root realized that fighting fires was in his blood, and playing college ball was not.

In 1986, Root was fortunate to be hired on at the Elyria fire department. One of 13 rookies, he was sent to the fire academy at Tri-C and also became certified as a paramedic. For several years he served as a lieutenant for Elyria as well as a lieutenant in the Avon Volunteer fire department.

In 2003, Avon transitioned from a volunteer service to a full time fire department. "To me, to be able to do the job I've always wanted to do in the city I grew up in makes me the luckiest man in the world," said Root.

Root followed in his father, Frank Root, Jr., and took over the position of fire chief in 2006. He leads a very young and progressive department, providing the citizens of Avon and those who work in the city with the very best fire protection and paramedic services possible. Much of their daily activity focuses on prevention and education.

The vast majority of the firefighters have chosen to live and raise families in the city, according to Root. He wouldn't go anywhere else. He lives in our city with his five children, Kaylee, Frankie IV, Xavier, Evan and Alex. He and his wife, Karyn, look forward to more traveling in their future, but Root says he will always have time for his passion; fire services.

#### **FUN FACTS ABOUT THE CHIEF: Did you know?**

- Root was given the nickname, Calvin (as in Calvin and Hobbs), while serving in Elyria.
- Teddy Roosevelt is one of Root's all time heroes.
- There are four helmets displayed in Root's office, all bearing the smoke and scars of fires that tell the story of his career.
- Root met President Obama and has the picture to prove it.
- "Run Forest, Run" is a favorite saying of the Chief's.