

## **Tim Beckett**

In total, Tim Beckett has 28 years of fire service experience. He started his career as a volunteer fire fighter in the Town of Markham in 1986, became a fulltime Fire Fighter in 1987 with the City of Vaughan. Leaving the Vaughan as the training officer in 2000, Tim assumed the role of Deputy Fire Chief and then Fire Chief with the Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville. In 2005 Tim moved to Kitchener to become the Deputy Fire Chief and 2007 was promoted to Fire Chief.

Tim is a past President of the Ontario Association of Fire Chiefs (2010-2012), where he represented the Chief Officers of almost 462 fire departments across Ontario and continues to ensure high quality fire and life safety practices for Ontarians are in place. Tim served on the board of directors for nine years and has served in many capacities. His greatest achievements including working on the Associations advocacy program, ensuring that the OAFC had a prominent voice within the political structure to promote change for increased safety to the citizens of Ontario as well as the promotion of fire safety in care facilities.

Tim holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in Public Administration from Ryerson University and received the Carolyn Weber award for assisting other student in the program and maintaining a 3.0 plus grade point average. Tim is a graduate of the Ontario Fire College, Fire Protection Technology Diploma program.

Tim and his wife Kathy have three children, Kevin (22) is a graduate of Radio Broadcasting from Fanshawe College, David (15) is a grade 11 student and Jayne (11) is looking forward to starting grade 6.

Tim enjoys cycling, hockey and overall fitness and wellness programs. The family spends time RV'ing across the country and down through the States.