

This is a good day for the City of Newton.

I am honored to swear in Gino P. Lucchetti as the Chief of the Fire Department for the City of Newton.

We are pleased to have with us today members of the Lucchetti family, including his wife Louise and his children and grandchildren, four men who have ably served this City as Fire Chiefs, so many dedicated first responders and especially those from our Fire Department, as well as City Councilors, including President Marc Laredo and the Chair of our Public Safety and Transportation Committee, City Councilor Jay Ciccone.

The Newton Fire Department has a long and proud tradition of being a first-class fire department and is one of a handful of departments in the Commonwealth that has earned a Class 1 Fire Rating. Newton's firefighters save lives, suppress fires, rescue people, preserve property, prevent fires and respond to all types of medical emergencies. With great professionalism backed with extensive training, I know

I speak for all of Newton when I say thank you to them for putting their lives at risk to protect us.

This Department deserves an exceptional Chief and it has one with Gino Lucchetti.

Chief Lucchetti has a deep understanding of and passion for the City of Newton and the Newton Fire Department. As a lifelong resident of our City and from 34 years of service to our Fire Department, he is deeply committed to his brothers and sisters in the Department and to the people who live and work here. As a firefighter's firefighter, he has earned not just the respect of his Department, but also their affection. For Chief Lucchetti is a good man, ethical, warm, and caring. His years of experience make him superbly qualified for planning, directing, managing and overseeing the wide range of activities this Department is responsible for from fire-fighting, fire prevention, rescue operations, hazardous materials management, water rescue, incident management and emergency operations. In the last few months, I had the unfortunate opportunity to see him lead two fire

suppression and evacuation/rescue operations. Gino Lucchetti is a leader. He has my complete trust. I don't want to distract from the significance of this swearing in by bringing up a controversial topic but I feel I must. Do we say Chief Lucchetti or Chief LuKetti? I asked our new Chief and he says Luketti!

Gino Lucchetti, the safety of our City and the excellence of the Newton Fire Department will be in good hands with you. I'm proud to swear you in today as Chief of the Newton Fire Department.