



PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY GOVERNMENT

OFFICE OF THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE

Aisha N. Braveboy
County Executive

July 16, 2025

The Honorable Edward P. Burroughs III
Chair, Prince George's County Council
County Administration Building
Upper Marlboro Maryland 20772

Dear Chair Burroughs:

It is my pleasure to submit to you and the County Council the appointment of Acting Fire Chief to Fire Chief of Prince George's County Thelmetria A. Michaelides. Mrs. Michaelides brings more than 26 years of deeply rooted, progressive experience in fire services, emergency response services, public safety leadership, community outreach, and intergovernmental coordination making her uniquely qualified to lead one of the most vital public safety departments in our County.

Her academic foundation includes a bachelor's degree in Fire Science from Columbia Southern University, earned in July 2010, which has equipped her with deep knowledge of fire service management, emergency planning, and incident command. She has also completed a wide range of specialized training and national certifications, noted in her resume.

Mrs. Michaelides's education, technical credentials, and extensive leadership training underscore her preparedness for this executive role and reflect a career built on discipline, continuous growth, and service to the public good.

Ms. Michaelides has built her career through a clear dedication to excellence, public service, and community-centered leadership. Rising through the ranks of the Prince George's County Fire/EMS Department to the level of Battalion Chief, she has consistently demonstrated the operational command, administrative insight, and collaborative spirit required of a Fire Chief. Her tenure included leading day-to-day fire and EMS operations, overseeing personnel readiness, managing emergency responses, and ensuring that both volunteer and career staff operated at the highest standards of professionalism and efficiency.

She is also a strategic thinker with a proven ability to bridge emergency services with community engagement. From 2021 to 2023, she served as Operations Chief and Community Outreach Coordinator for the Maryland Department of Health's Vaccine Equity Task Force, where she led targeted public health responses across underserved communities statewide. This experience, grounded in cross-agency coordination and direct community partnerships, speaks to her ability to implement high-level emergency strategies that are inclusive, effective, and grounded in real community needs.

Prior to that, as Community Affairs Director for the Prince George's County State's Attorney's Office, Mrs. Michaelides developed impactful countywide outreach initiatives and served as a vital liaison between the justice system and the public. Her ability to unify diverse stakeholders around shared public safety goals further highlights her qualifications for leading a department that is both operationally demanding and deeply community focused.

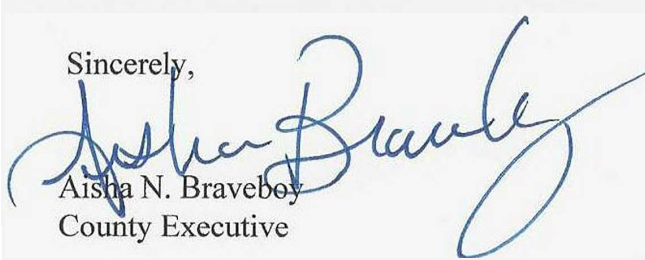
In her earlier leadership roles within the Fire/EMS Department, Ms. Michaelides also directed the High School Cadet Fire Science Program, nurturing the next generation of emergency responders with mentorship, structured training, and a values-based leadership model. Her commitment to youth development and diversity in the fire service reflects her broader vision of a department that both protects and reflects the communities it serves.

Her appointment as Fire Chief will be a transformational moment not only for the department, but for the entire County. Throughout her career, Mrs. Michaelides has demonstrated a rare blend of tactical readiness, executive decision-making, and authentic community connection. She brings not only operational expertise, but also a compassionate, visionary, and inclusive leadership style essential for the evolving challenges faced by modern fire and EMS agencies. A decorated professional with recognitions from the Senate of Maryland, the Prince George's County Council, and various law enforcement and fire service publications, Mrs. Michaelides brings both honor and innovation to every assignment she undertakes. She is a trailblazer, a proven leader, and the right choice to carry the department forward with integrity, strength, and innovation.

Pursuant to Sections 322, 402, and 504 of The Charter of Prince George's County, I am appointing Acting Fire Chief, as the Fire Chief of Prince George's County. Attached for the Council's consideration is Mrs. Michaelides resume and appointee Data Form. her financial Disclosure statement has been filed with the Maryland State Ethics Commission, and confirmation of its submission is enclosed. A copy will be provided to the Prince George's County Office of Ethics upon confirmation.

I appreciate your attention, and I respectfully request that you consider this appointment favorably. If you require additional information, please contact Danielle Hunter, Appointments Liaison, (301) 952- 4431

Sincerely,


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